



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Air and Marine Operations Center

FACT SHEET

The Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC) is an international, multi-domain federal law enforcement center that has been focusing on suspicious general aviation and non-commercial maritime activities in the Western Hemisphere for almost three decades.

The AMOC conducts air and marine surveillance operations, providing direct coordination to Air and Marine Operations (AMO); CBP law enforcement officers performing interdiction missions; and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies conducting criminal investigations. AMOC coordinates operations with the North American Aerospace Defense Command, and the governments of Mexico, Canada, and the Bahamas.

Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the national demand for AMOC's unique abilities increased. In response, AMOC expanded by advancing its capabilities and increasing its partnerships. AMOC integrated data from hundreds of additional domestic and international radars and optical and acoustical sensors to provide surveillance of critical national infrastructure throughout the United States and to facilitate disaster response. The Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 officially formalized the AMOC as an operating center.

AMOC applies sophisticated technology to detect, identify, track, and direct the interdiction of suspect aviation and maritime targets. Its command and control system provides a single display that is capable of tracking over 50,000 individual targets.

AMOC uses extensive law enforcement and intelligence databases and tracking and communications networks to coordinate a law enforcement response to suspect aviation and maritime activities.



Established:

1988

Located:

March Air Reserve Base, in Riverside, California

Auxiliary Locations:

- Caribbean Air and Marine Operations Center, in Levittown, Puerto Rico
- Capital Regional Unit, in Washington, D.C.

Domain Awareness:

Domain awareness is one of our most critical contributions to securing the nation's borders and combating transnational criminal organizations. Domain awareness is the observation of the operating domain (air, land, and maritime) and its baseline information. The AMOC combines AMO's network of sensors with intelligence, law enforcement case work, and open source information to create domain awareness.

Report Suspicious Activity:

Suspicious aviation and maritime activities can be reported by calling 1-866-AIRBUST (1-866-247-2878) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.