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GUIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REGARDING FEDERAL LAW PERTAINING TO DOCUMENT CHECKS ON GENERAL AVIATION AIRCRAFT 1-866-AIR-BUST

Federal Aviation Regulations require pilots of general aviation aircraft to comply with the following:

- 1.) A pilot in command, or pilot flight crewmember of a U.S. registered aircraft must have in their physical possession, or readily accessible in the aircraft a current pilots license.
- 2.) Must have in their possession or readily accessible a photo identification such as a State issued drivers license or I.D. card, a United States Government issued identification card, an Armed Forces Identification Card, and Official passport OR
- 3.) A credential that authorizes unescorted access to a security identification display area at an airport regulated under Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 49 Subpart C Section 1542.207.
- 4.) A pilot must have in their possession or readily available in the aircraft a valid Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) medical certificate.
- 5.) A pilot must have in their possession or readily accessible in the aircraft their pilot Logbook.
- 6.) The aircraft registration and airworthiness certificate, and Form 337 (authorized modifications to the aircraft) must be in the aircraft.

Title 14 CFR Section 61.3 (l) Inspection of Certificate.

(h) Each person who holds a airman certificate, medical certificate, authorization, or license required by this part must present it for inspection upon request from the Administrator, an authorized representative of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), an authorized representative of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) or any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer.

Title 49 United States Code Section 44103(d).

An operator of an aircraft shall make available for inspection a certificate of registration for the aircraft when requested by a United States Government, State, or local law enforcement officer.

Title 14 CFR Section 61.51 (i) (1) Presentation of required documents.

A person must present their pilot certificate, medical certificate, logbook or any other record required by this part for inspection upon a reasonable request by the Administrator, an authorized representative of the NTSB, or any State or local law enforcement officer.

Title 14 CFR Section 91.417(c) Maintenance Records.

The owner or operator shall make All Maintenance Records required to be kept by this section available for inspection by the Administrator, or any authorized representative of the NTSB. In addition, the owner or operator shall present form 337 described in paragraph (d) of this section for inspection upon request of any law enforcement officer. (d) When a fuel tank is installed within the passenger or baggage compartment pursuant to part 43 of this chapter, a copy of the FAA Form 337 shall be kept on board the modified aircraft by the owner or operator.

*****CAVEAT*****

Although Federal Law requires the possession of, and display upon demand of the aforementioned documents; **THERE IS NO CRIMINAL PENALTY SECTION TO THIS LAW.** It is therefore not an arrestable offense.

It does however allow for the "reasonable detention" of person(s) while the document check is under way. Any probable cause for further investigation, or arrest will be developed by the Officers) or Canine Unit on the scene. This document does not take into account applicable State and Local laws and ordinances, nor the principle of a "mobile conveyance".

QUESTIONS ???

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