

HITSQUAD

VATSIM Caribbean

CARIBBEAN FLIGHT SERVICE STATION
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
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INTRODUCTION

This document provides direction and guidance for the day-to-day operations of the Caribbean Control Flight Services Station (FSS). This document prescribes air traffic control procedures and limitations established by the VATCAR Divisional Staff. Hit Squad controllers are required to be familiar with the provisions contained in this document. This document is ONLY for flight simulation purposes on the Virtual Air Traffic Simulation Network. The VATCAR, VATAMAS, or VATSIM do NOT take any responsibility for the use of this order outside of the simulated network environment.

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OVERVIEW

Welcome to the Caribbean Control Flight Services Station (FSS). We are tasked with providing en route ATC services on the upper airspace of the participating sub-divisions of VATCAR. Our mission is to provide professional ATC coverage to aircraft transitioning, arriving, and departing the Caribbean airspace when local control is unavailable.

BOUNDARY LIMITATION

The FSS will have positive control of the upper airspace beginning at FL245 and extending upward to FL600. Like our counterparts at VATSUR & VATEUD, the FSS will provide radar services to all aircraft entering the lateral VATCAR divisional boundary. The FSS boundary excludes the Nassau and Miami Oceanic airspace due to operational agreements between the Miami ARTCC and the Nassau FIR.

COORDINATION

When local center controllers are online, local shall retain full control of his/her airspace. The FSS controllers will transfer aircraft to local control within 10NM of the local boundary. Respectively, the local center controller will transfer aircraft to the FSS within 10NM of the local boundary provided the adjacent center sector is offline.

ATC SERVICES

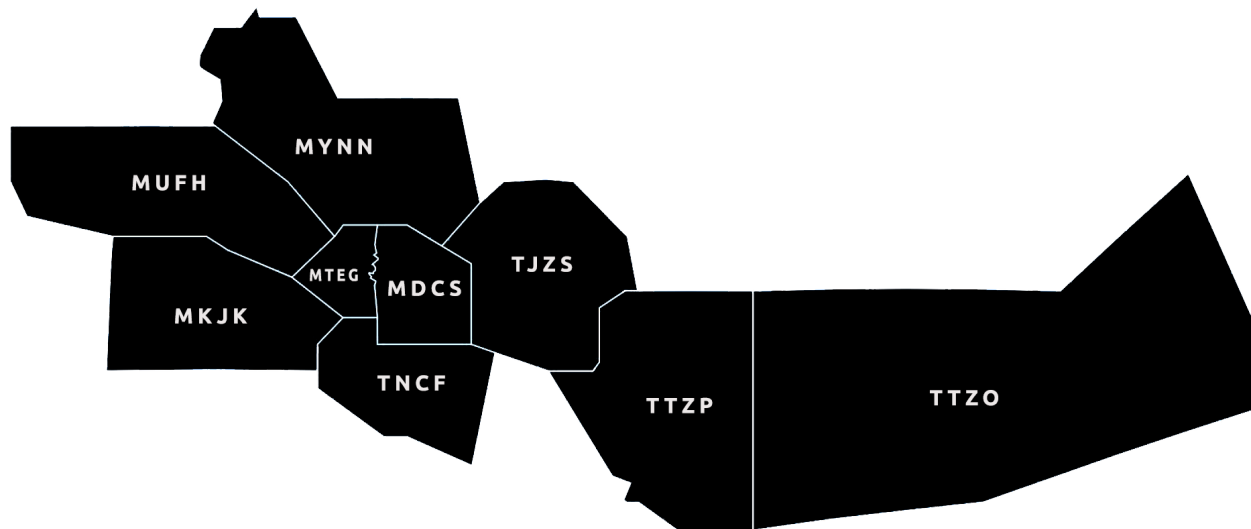
* On Request Services

OFFERED SERVICES
RADAR SERVICES
AIRPORT INFORMATION SERVICES
WEATHER INFORMATION SERVICES
*SEPARATION AND SEQUENCING SERVICES

CARIBBEAN CONTROL POSITIONS LIST

IDENTIFIER	SECTOR	CALLSIGN	FREQUENCY
CARI_FSS	FL245 AND ABOVE	CARIBE CONTROL	131.300
CARE_FSS	TOP DOWN EAST	CARIBE CONTROL	131.500
CARW_FSS	TOP DOWN WEST	CARIBE CONTROL	131.700

CARIBBEAN CONTROL COVERAGE AREA



LANGUAGE & PROCEDURE

Due to the diverse number of airspaces contained within VATCAR, we need to set a standard to simplify the operational FSS positions. Additionally, our facilities provide services in 5 different languages under both FAA and ICAO regulations. Hit Squad Controllers, staffing any FSS positions are required to provide radar services in the English language and operate under FAA regulations. This policy is NOT designed to discriminate against anyone. Given that English is required by VATSIM policy and our relative geographical location, this is the best operational configuration we can adhere to as determined by the VATCAR Divisional Staff. Should you have any questions, please contact us via email or our discord server.

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ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Becoming an FSS controller starts with an email to [VATCAR4 \(s.fox@vatcar.net\)](mailto:s.fox@vatcar.net). Express your interest in becoming a FSS controller and validate that you meet the following criteria:

Hold a C-1 rating or higher for a period greater than 90 days.

Have a minimum of 50 hours on an En Route/Center position.

Be a VATCAR home controller within a participating sub-division.

Have at least three center endorsements from participating sub-division.

CONCLUSION

Thank you for taking the time to read this document. It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join our team. The Caribbean airspace offers a great deal of diversity. Remember, our mission is to provide professional ATC coverage to aircraft transitioning, arriving, and departing the Caribbean airspace. This means that our focus is on helping to expand the immersion and flight experience of all pilots within our airspace.