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Ground Transport Risk Assessment Guidelines

Day vs. Night	
Day (0800-1800)	1
Night (1800-2400)	3
Trip between 00:00 - 05:00	5
Weather	
Hail/Sleet	3
Flash Flood Warning	5
Flooding Conditions = No Go or Alternate Route	
<u>Snow</u>	
Blizzard Conditions anywhere along route	No Go
Active snow 3-6 inches/hr	8
Active snow 1-3 inches/hr	6
Active snow < 1 inch/hr	4
<u>Visibility</u>	
Ground Fog	6
Blowing Snow	5
<100 yards visibility	5
<u>Wind</u>	
20-40 mph	4
>40 mph	8
<u>Temperature</u>	
0 degrees F	5
Below zero or 30 below chill factor	8
Heat > 108 degrees F	8
Route	
Canyon travel, change in mode, alternate route, closure/accidents.	5
Combined mode of transport, Airport/Road construction.	3
Road Conditions	
Snow packed unplowed snowy/icy roads.	8
Slick in spots, drifting snow, black ice and standing water.	5
Mode of Travel	
4X4, Chains, Snowplow (use of any)	8
Total >20 or other concerns requires Supervisor Approval	

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Day vs. Night

- Scores based on time of day and potential for fatigue and darkness.
- Some type of score is required in this category.

Weather

• Scores based on weather factors that impact risk of ground transport.

Route

Scores based on required route/road type risk factors.

Road Conditions

- Scores based on road condition risk factors.
- If no factors are present in this category then a score of zero is entered.

Mode of Travel

- Score based on unique and/or abnormal mode of travel requirements.
- If no factors are present then a score of zero is entered.

Total

• Any score of 28 or greater represents a significant risk which offsets most any benefit. Ground transport should be delayed or Air Transport used. Any exception requires approval from the Battalion Chief and must include a justification report.