

Forced Deployment of Ospreys



Questionable Safety Appeal

On September 19, 2012, the Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Foreign Affairs declared that the safety of the Ospreys has been thoroughly checked and confirmed. However, words such as "as much as possible" and "limited to those considered necessary for US operational requirements," were often used, leaving the final call entirely up to the military's discretion.

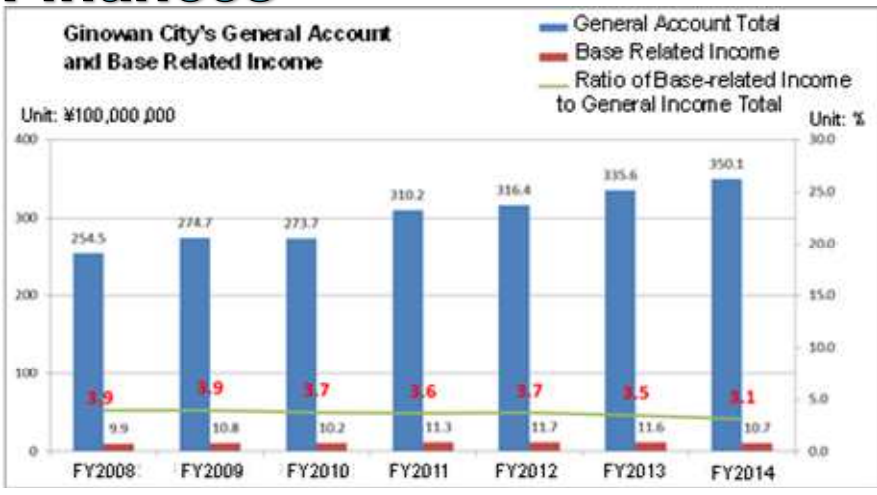
- During low altitude flight training, Ospreys are to use altitudes of 500feet or greater and avoid populated areas.
- Design traffic patterns to avoid airspace over schools, hospitals and populated areas as much as possible and stay over water
- Limit flight in the VTOL (vertical takeoff and landing) Mode to airspace over military installations as much as possible and keep Conversion Mode time to a minimum
- Follow all terms set forth by the Aircraft Noise Abatement Countermeasure in regards to the MV-22
- Incorporate simulators into training to keep night-time flight activity to a minimum to minimize effect on the nearby residents.

Osprey Timeline

2011	6/6	Okinawa Defense Bureau announces its plans to convert to the Ospreys starting late 2012
	6/13	A sit-in is staged in front of the Ginowan City Office to protest the deployment of Ospreys to MCAS Futenma
2012	4/12	MV-22 Osprey crashes in Morocco
	6/14	CV-22 Osprey crashes in Florida, USA
	6/17	Ginowan Citizens' Rally
	6/19	Ginowan mayor and Okinawa governor petition the deployment of Ospreys to the Government of Japan
	6/29	Content of the Host Nation Notification explained
	9/6	MV-22 Osprey emergency landing in North Carolina, USA
	9/9	Ginowan Citizens' Rally
	9/19	Safety Pledge on the Ospreys by the Government of Japan
	9/25	Ginowan City mayor petitions to cancel deployments of Ospreys (Tokyo)
	10/1	First fleet of Ospreys deploy to Okinawa Citizens' Rally board members petition the deployment (Okinawa)
10/9	Mayor and Governor petition to cancel deployments of Ospreys (Tokyo)	
2013	1/28	Citizens' Rally Executive Committee makes direct appeal to the Prime Minister to cancel deployments (Tokyo)
	7/23	Citizens' Rally board members make a joint statement and protest the deployment of Ospreys (Okinawa)
	8/3	Second fleet of Ospreys deploy to Okinawa
	8/27	Osprey hard-landing in Nevada, USA
	11/20	Protest by Citizens' Rally Executive Committee (Okinawa)
2014	6/17	Object falls from MV-22 Osprey operating out of MCAS Futenma during training
	10/1	Osprey temporarily loses power while flying over the Persian Gulf



Finances



The ratio of annual base-related income to general income of Ginowan City fluctuates at the 3% level. In fiscal year 2014, the ratio was 3.1%.

The existence of the base hinders the development of the city and its financial growth.