



OTHER AUTHORITIES

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Along with those command authorities already discussed, there are some other authoritative duties the commander, Air Force forces (COMAFFOR) should consider.

Airspace Coordination Authority

Unlike other areas where the COMAFFOR is normally delegated airspace **control** authority by the [joint force commander](#) (JFC),²⁴ in homeland operations the term [airspace coordination authority](#) or ACA is used.

The ACA is responsible for coordinating and deconflicting air traffic. This responsibility is almost always retained by the [Federal Aviation Administration](#) (FAA). All airspace planning is coordinated with and approved by the FAA. The FAA provides liaisons to [US Northern Command](#) and [US Pacific Command](#) to collaborate and minimize conflicts during mission execution. In the event the FAA is unable to uphold these responsibilities, the COMAFFOR should be prepared to take over the ACA role. The President may transfer any function of the FAA through executive order to the DOD in a time of war, as well.

Incident Awareness and Assessment

A variety of organizations, such as the [Federal Bureau of Investigations](#), [National Counterterrorism Center](#), [Department of Homeland Security](#), as well as state and local law enforcement can provide much of the information normally required. Coordinating with these agencies is advised before collecting data independently.

Space Coordinating Authority

Space assets provide considerable capability to homeland operations, such as communications and imaging. [Space coordinating authority](#) is a specific authority delegated to a commander for coordinating specific space functions and activities. It is normally delegated from the JFC to the theater COMAFFOR. In order to plan, execute, and assess space operations, the COMAFFOR typically designates a director of space

²⁴ JP 3-30, [Command and Control for Joint Air Operations](#)

forces to coordinate and integrate space capabilities into an operation. For more information, see Annex 3-14, [Space Operations](#).
