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Attachment 1

American Airlines A300 Door/Slide Operation

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A300 EVACUATION SIGNALING SYSTEM

Policy

- Signaling system control panels are located in the cabin on most F/A jumpseat control
 panels and in the cockpit
- The system can be activated from the F/A control panel or by a switch in the cockpit
- The command switch in the cockpit or cabin that was used to initiate the signaling system will illuminate red. Others will not illuminate.
- If the signaling system is inoperative, the Captain will use the signal 'Easy Victor, Easy Victor, Easy Victor' over the P.A. system to initiate an evacuation

Procedures

- To activate the signaling system, lift the plastic cover on the command switch and depress the button one time
- The signaling system must not be activated until the A/C comes to a complete and final stop

A300 DOOR/SLIDE OPERATION

Description

- A double lane slide/liferaft is stored in all doors except 3L/R. At 3L/R, a single lane slide
 is stored in the door
- The sliding surface does not inflate in order to lessen the possibility of a puncture from a sharp object
- Battery operated lights extend the length of the slide. At foot end of slide, lights will illuminate ground area.

Procedures

- To open the doors 1L/R, 2L/R & 4 L/R in the emergency mode:
 - Lift door control handle to full up position
 - Immediately let go
- To open doors 3L/R in emergency mode:
 - open door control handle cover
 - Lift door control handle with one hand
 - Hold onto door assist handle on door frame with opposite hand
 - Push door out and forward until locked against fuselage

A300 SLIDE MALFUNCTION

Procedures

- Doors 1L/R, 2L/R & 4L/R:
 - If door does not open after lifting door control handle, lift door control handle again
 - If door still does not open with power assist, push door out and forward. May require assistance from two passengers
 - If slide falls Inward, push outside door
 - If slide does not inflate, jerk up on red manual inflation handle located on top RH side of girt
- · Doors 3L/R:
 - If door does not open after lifting door control handle, get assistance from two passengers to push door out and forward