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To increase situational awareness of Air Traffic Control, the FAA has reserved discrete codes for VFR helicopters operating within the Los Angeles (LA) region.

General Aviation VFR Rotorcraft are asked to Squawk Mode 3 code 1205 and First Responder/Law Enforcement aircraft are asked to Squawk Mode 3 Code 1206 when operating VFR at and below 6000 feet MSL while in the Los Angeles region that may or may not be in contact with ATC.

All airmen, fixed wing and rotorcraft are reminded to use the Mode 3 Code 1201, when operating in the lateral confines of the LA Special Flight Rules Corridor.

These unique Mode 3 codes, should only be utilized when operating VFR in LA region. Mode 3 Codes that are prearranged with the FAA should be used in lieu of utilizing these codes. Requests for VFR advisories should be made to the appropriate air traffic facility and the Mode 3 Code assigned by ATC squawked.

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