



Vermont Air National Guard F35 FAQs

When are the primary hours of operation?

In regards to the 158th Fighter Wing F-35 hours of operation, the Vermont Air National Guard will run a similar schedule to the F-16s, generally two take offs a day, and drill weekends (once a month). These are scheduled flights and we will continue our efforts in communication with our communities on any irregular flying or changes in flying schedules.

Will the F-35's run nighttime drills (9 PM or later)?

Yes, the requirements for night flying operations does not change with the F-35. Night operations are usually done when the hours of darkness are at their earliest (winter seasons) to minimize the impact to communities in the area. We will provide notice when these night flying operations are scheduled.

Will there be the same number of flights at F-16? (less? more?)

The intent will be to have a similar flying schedule to the F-16.

Will the F-35's be carrying nuclear weapons while they fly in and out of Winooski?

The F-35s will be stationed at the Vermont Air National Guard who utilize the Burlington International Airport. The Burlington jets will not have the hardware necessary for the nuclear mission. There are no plans to add the hardware necessary to make the Burlington, VT F-35As nuclear capable. In accordance with DoD policy: "It is U.S. policy to neither confirm nor deny the presence or absence of nuclear weapons at any general or specific location."

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