



United State Space Force Doctrine Fact Sheet

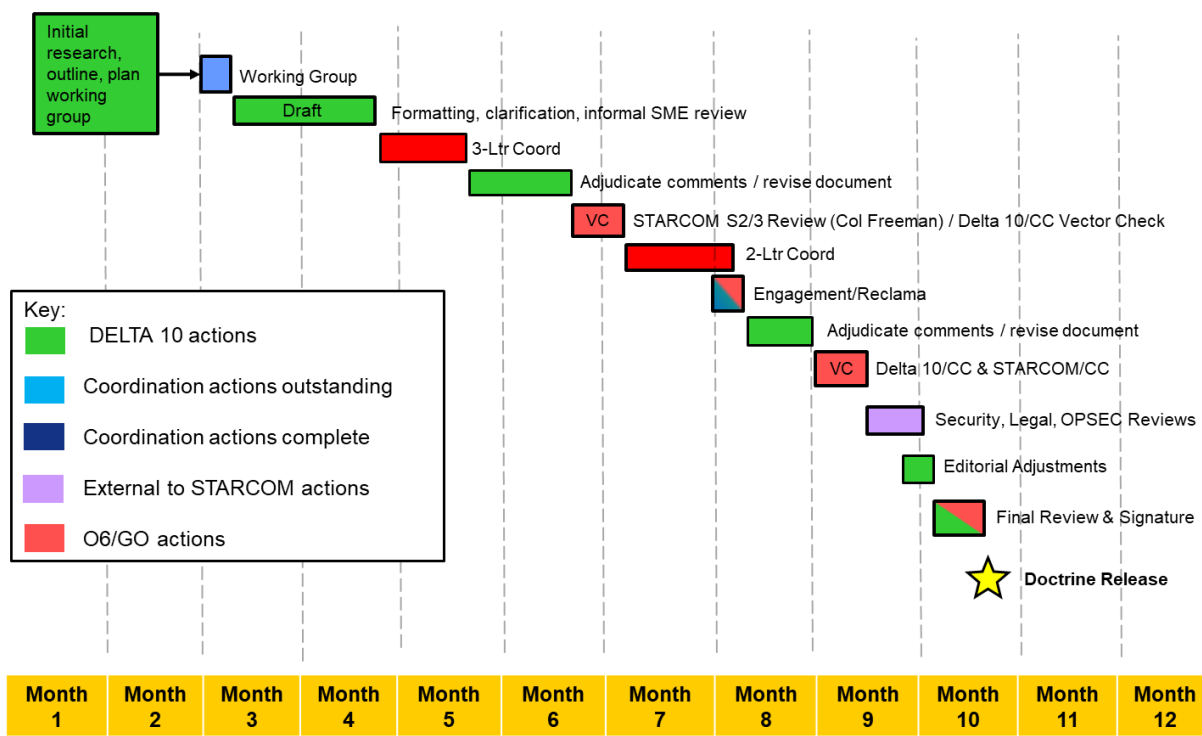
Doctrine Development Process



Like other services, the United States Space Force (USSF) must develop and publish its own service and domain-unique doctrine. Each service captures in doctrine how it is organized, its operationally relevant best practices, and the principles that guide how it employs its forces. The genesis of USSF doctrine was the inaugural Space Capstone Publication (SCP) Spacepower Doctrine for Space Forces in 2020. The USSF is following the SCP with its keystone and operational level Space Doctrine Publications (SDPs).

Development of USSF keystone and operational SDPs typically begins by identifying the subject area for development and forming a writing group to bring together relevant subject matter experts (SMEs). Delta 10's doctrine team does not include SMEs in every area of interest for USSF doctrine, so it is essential to bring together members of the space community that can help develop and validate USSF doctrine publications. Those SMEs bring their personal experience, knowledge of current operations, and awareness about where the USSF is evolving. The Delta 10 doctrine team works with the SMEs to ensure new publications focus on the present (current extant best practices). The doctrine team shepherds the document through the entire process (depicted in the figure below), and ensures the language, style, and formatting are consistent with doctrine publication guidance.

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If there is a concept nearing maturity a call out box in the SDP may be used to provide a short overview, or a Space Doctrine Note (SDN) may be developed alongside the SDP. An SDN can serve two purposes: 1) to deliver a concept to the community, and 2) following approval and/or implementation of a concept, support the content development for the associated SDP update. SDNs are intended to avoid confusion between unproven conceptual ideas or practices and proven extant best practices.

For USSF tactical doctrine the SMEs at the Delta and squadron levels are the primary contributors for the development of those publications. Whether it is a Tactical Standard Operating Procedure (TACSOP), Tactical Bulletin (TACBUL), or Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs), the individuals most intimately associated with the mission will be developing the content. Delta 10 will partner on formatting, language, and writing style to ensure the final publication is consistent with doctrine publication guidance. Tactical doctrine publications will be collaboratively developed, approved and published on a USSF tactical doctrine wiki (currently in development).

Today, the development and update cycle for all USSF doctrine is driven by need. The Delta 10 team is working to create an initial set of keystone publications whilst already looking at updates to the SCP and developing of other operational and tactical doctrine publications. As the newest service, the USSF is rapidly evolving its doctrine development processes; therefore the doctrine team remains flexible and capable of making more frequent updates to its doctrine than may be appropriate in future years. Long term, the USSF will establish policy for the frequency and process for review, update and approval of all levels of doctrine.

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