Clearance Delivery Tutorial

• What is clearance delivery?

 Clearance Delivery is the first controller you call (if applicable). This person is responsible for making sure the flight plans submitted follow real world procedures which include routing and altitude.

• Clearance Delivery with VFR (Visual Flight Rules) flight plans

- All aircraft that are departing VFR at a Class B, Class C and some Class D (that have clearance) must contact them to get a clearance out of their airspace.
 - Example:
 - Pilot:Memphis Clearance Skyhawk N5194F looking for flight following to Searcy at 6,500.
 Memphis CD:Skyhawk N5194F is cleared out of the Memphis Class B airspace via X heading, maintain VFR at or below X, departure frequency and a squawk code.
 Pilot:(reads that back)

• Clearance Delivery for IFR (Instrument Flight Rules)

 Any aircraft that are departing under IFR rules at a Class B or Class C airport must contact them to make sure everything is all good with the flight plan and altitude. All clearances with be read back in the CRAFT format (see powerpoint for that).

• Clearance Delivery and CDPLC

- How does CPDLC tie into Clearance Delivery?
 - CPDLC stands for Controller-Pilot Data Link
 Communications and is a method in which controllers can talk to pilots over data link.

• Pilots can get there clearance from this as well as any messages that ATC has for the pilots like flow times and ground stops.