



Rocky Mountain Region Operations Bulletin

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Safety

Vehicle Safety

IAW CAPR 77-1, para 2-2h In areas where a vehicle operator cannot see clearly behind the vehicle, the use of a spotter is required when backing to eliminate the chance of a mishap. The exception to this is when another individual is not available. In this event the vehicle should be positioned, if possible, in such a way that backing is not required.

Safety Surveys

We are currently in the 1 Oct - 31 Jan window for completing the annual unit safety surveys. Please keep in mind that this is a survey and not a compliance activity. This year's survey questions go outside of the typical compliance questions found in past surveys. Therefore we fully expect answers to not always be blanket "yes" and will probably involve actions over time to better educate and train members in areas that will increase our safe operations above and beyond regulatory minimums. (Ref CAPR 62-1)

Personal Protective Equipment (Vests)

ANSI Class 2 or 3 vests and apparel are now mandatory. Prior to 1 Oct 2012, ANSI approved vests were required if performing CAP duty within the right-of-way of Federal-aid highways but our members could wear non-approved vests for other CAP activities. Now ALL the apparel worn when required for CAP must meet the ANSI Class 2 or 3 standard. The standard ensures minimum amount and location of enhanced visibility and reflective material and in many cases is better than some of the older (cheaper) vests used. Vests and apparel meeting the ANSI standards are readily available from several local sources because they are mandated by law for anyone working around most roads/highways (police, surveyors, highway workers, reporters, etc). CAP members can confirm their vest meets the Class 2 or 3 standard by checking the label. (Ref CAPR 6-1).

Aerospace Education

National Newsbrief

Latest AE e-news Newsbrief from CAP NHQ at: http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/aerospace_education/stay_informed/ae_newsbriefs.cfm

Montana AE News

ARISS Event - during the week of January 7 - 11, students from Missoula, MT will be talking live to the astronauts on board the ISS. Astronaut Kevin Ford will answer questions from students who entered an essay contest to win this chance. Over one hundred essays were entered and 15 students will be chosen. A STAR PARTY will be held to announce the winners. Students will also learn about telescopes, stars and explore NASA Kids Club website and participate in STEM on the International Space STATION activities.

AEO School

There are no current plans for an AEO School in RMR for 2013.

CAP AE Facebook Page

Join CAP AE on Facebook! – Keep up with the latest information and hottest links in AE by going to CAP's AE FACEBOOK page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/CAPAerospace-Education/160129457350501>

Public Affairs

Twitter Logo

Twitter has changed its logo; they no longer want the blue "t" as their icon but rather the blue bird (attached). Can you send that out to all of your people to make sure they are using the right one and don't violate Twitters trademark? Here is a link to Twitters logo site: <https://twitter.com/logo>

Plans

All CAP units are required to have a current Crisis Communications Plan and Public Affairs Plan per CAPR 190-1.

Personnel

Of the Year Awards

It is time to think about and prepare "Of the Year" awards for your deserving members. Here is a chart with details about the awards and their deadlines: <http://bit.ly/RMRAnnualAwards>

Communications

Event

The annual national communications exercise, Constant Watch, is 8 and 9 December.

Compliance Item

IAW CAPR 100-1, para 6-14c. “Systems used to interconnect repeaters and remote base stations must support encryption at all times. Effective immediately, any new system of this type must automatically retransmit original encrypted signals without unsecure intermediate decrypting and re-encrypting. In other words, signals that were originally encrypted may not be passed through unsecured networks unless preserved in their original encrypted form. Existing systems must be brought into compliance by 31 December 2012.” **If you can not comply with these policies it is imperative that you request a waiver immediately.** Use the [commpermissions @capnhq.gov](mailto:commpermissions@capnhq.gov) address to get your request into consideration. If you require a waiver, please act quickly. Waivers will be granted on a case-by-case basis only and you will need proof of a granted waiver if asked by an inspector.

Compliance Item

IAW CAPR 100-1, para 8-4e. “Dual Mode Required. All CAP repeaters, including tactical repeaters, must be capable and programmed to respond to either analog or digital P-25 signals, meaning that regardless of whether the radio is set on an analog or digital channel, it will receive signals transmitted in either mode. Unless specifically authorized in writing by the NHQ/DOK, no narrowband VHF-FM repeater may be operated with access limited to only one mode. Analog-only narrowband repeaters are not authorized after 31 December 2012.” **If you can not comply with these policies it is imperative that you request a waiver immediately.** Use the [commpermissions @capnhq.gov](mailto:commpermissions@capnhq.gov) address to get your request into consideration. If you require a waiver, please act quickly. Waivers will be granted on a case-by-case basis only and you will need proof of a granted waiver if asked by an inspector.

Historian

Historical Input

Wings need to submit historical reports to the Region Historian NLT 30 April, 2013 for submission to National Headquarters. Region historian would like information for past 24 months. See CAPR 210-1 for content details.

Chaplain Service

New Chaplain

Ch (Capt) Richard W. Gabbitas from RMR UT appointed December 2012.

Chaplain Corps Staff College 2012

Chaplain Lt Col Eugene Packer served as the Director and Dean of Rocky Mountain Region Chaplain Corps Staff College that was held May 16-18 at Crossroads Christian Fellowship Church in Unitah, Utah . Six chaplains and 1 character Development Instructor attended the college. The College Instructor provided the students with fourteen hours of CISM training in the areas of Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support. Chaplain Lt Col Ken Van Loon, one of the Deputy Chiefs represented National Chaplain Ellis at the college and provided an update on the CAP Chaplain Corps. The college concluded with a banquet in which Certificates of Completion were presented by Chaplains Packer and Van Loon.

Event

CAP SUNDAY 12/1 – 12/2

“In 1972, the CAP National Board designated the first Sunday in December as CAP Sunday. Soon after that, the Saturday before was added to the celebration for those whose day of worship is Saturday. The week-end commemorates the fact that CAP was chartered by the U.S. Congress on December 1, 1941. CAP Sunday/Sabbath gives CAP Chaplains an opportunity to acquaint their churches with their ministry as CAP Chaplains. Sometimes units may choose to support their chaplains by all worshipping in the same place, and in uniform. Other units, encourage members to attend the church or synagogue of their church in uniform. This is an excellent opportunity to take the message of aerospace to non-CAP members. For chaplains, it is also an excellent opening for telling their religious bodies about the importance of moral leadership in CAP.” Each member of the Chaplain Corps, chaplain and CDI alike, as well as all CAP members, are encouraged to proudly wear their uniform to the worship service they attend on either 12/1 or 12/2 – be it the service dress, the corporate uniform or the blazer combo. It is also noteworthy that Gill Robb Wilson, one of the founders of CAP, was an ordained Presbyterian Minister and is even called CAP’s first “Chaplain” (CAP News, June 2000).

Cadet Programs

Upcoming Events

- Quarterly Cadet Activity on Dec 8th, in Pocatello, ID.
- NCOA/Basic cadet training on Mar 9-10 at the Casper Armory, Casper, WY.
- Cadet Competition on March 16-17 at Gowan Field in Boise, ID.
- ID-MT Joint Encampment on June 20-29, Gowan Field in Boise, ID.
- Wing Encampment on 3-11 Aug at Camp Guernsey, WY.

National Cadet Special Activities

Registration for NCSAs will open on 1 December. If you are eligible, register through e-services.

Help Wanted

Open Region Positions

The following region staff positions are available. Please submit resume to rmr.cos.cap@gmail.com if you are interested; naturally, run applications through your chain of command.. Also include a brief outline on support what you would like to see accomplished in the position.

- Cadet Programs Dev Officer/ RMR Recorder
- Assistant Inspector General
- Cadet Activities Officer
- Maintenance Officer
- Director of Fund Raising and Resource Dev
- RMR Training Center Director
- Region Newsletter Editor
- Asst Legal Officer
- Director of Engineering and Facilities
- RMR CAC Primary Rep. to NCAC

Upcoming Events

- Safety Surveys are due, October 1 - January 31.
- NCSA registration open, December 1.
- CAP Sunday, December 2.
- Quarterly Cadet Activity on December 8, in Pocatello, ID.
- National communications exercise, Constant Watch, December 8-9.
- Training Leaders of Cadets, Peterson AFB, CO, January 12-13.
- Annual awards due Wings, January 15.
- Annual Inventory due, January 31.
- Annual awards due Region, February 15.
- 2013 CAP Legislative Day and Command Council Meeting, Washington, D.C., February 28 - March 2.
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- Annual awards due National, March 15.
- Cadet Competition at Gowan Field in Boise, ID, March 16-17
- History reports due region, April 30.
- UTWG - Ops Eval, May 13-19
- MTWG - Ops Eval, May 27 - June 2
- WYWG - SAV, July 12-14.
- RMR Staff College at Peterson AFB, CO, July 20-27
- ID-MT Joint Encampment, Gowan Field in Boise, ID, June 20-29.
- IDWG - GTE, July 29 - August 4.
- Wing Encampment at Camp Guernsey, WY, August 3-11.
- 2013 CAP Command Council and Annual Conference, Denver, CO, August 15-17.
- COWG - SAV, September 6-8.