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Commander's Corner
A Bird's Eye View of Safety
By Colonel Ken Parris, Wing Commander

SAFETY, SAFETY and did I mention SAFETY.

Safety is, and must always be, a command priority. We can never overemphasize its importance in every aspect of CAP's mission. In the past year, California Wing had mishaps involving poor piloting, aircraft ground handling, vehicle operation, personal injury due to slips and falls, insect bites and inattention. Every one of these mishaps could have and should have been prevented. PREVENTION is the best means of insuring an accident or mishap does not occur in the first place.

Operational Risk Management (ORM) is a simple, quick process to assist in mishap prevention that should undertaken by all personnel before conducting any activity. The following is adapted from the US Naval Safety Center's ORM website, www.safetycenter.navy.mil/orm/.

ORM revolves around a simple five-step process that is most frequently used in planning...The five steps are:

- Identify hazards;
- Assess the hazards;
- Make risk decisions;
- Implement controls; and
- Supervise and watch for change.

Another aspect of ORM is "Time Critical Risk Management" which involves a quick, committed-to-memory process and a set of skills that allow our people to manage risk when in the execution of a plan or event. It might be thought of in simple terms such as: What can go wrong or is changing? How can I keep it from affecting the mission or hurting me? Act to correct the situation. Telling the right people if you are unable to act safely under existing conditions.

At Wing Conference in Ontario, I mentioned Safety as a key element of our need for accountability. When we are practicing safe habits and employing ORM, we are being accountable for the welfare and well-being of our most valuable resource, our members. Commanders at all levels must understand that when a mishap occurs, they are responsible for addressing the outcome of the mishap, learning from its causes and, most importantly, taking corrective action to insure the mishap does not occur in the future.

There is virtually no excuse for any of the mishaps the Wing experienced this year except to say we did not effectively employ ORM.

Remember, SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT and ALWAYS BE VIGILANT...Semper Vigilans!

Fiscal Year 2007 Safety Recap

- 2 Aircraft Accidents
- 8 Aircraft Incidents
- 1 Vehicle Incident
- Costing \$94,350 in repairs*

Instructions for AFIDL 02170 on CAWG Website

For Safety Officers and Professional Development Officers (and Commanders) who had questions regarding signing up for and requesting the test for AFIDL 02170. On the Safety Section of the CAWG website there are detailed instructions for signing up for and requesting the test for the course. Special Thanks to Colonel Charlie Wiest for putting the documentation together for the Safety Section. We appreciate his help.

A Year of Change

By Major Alex Kay, Director of Safety

In April of 2006, the National CAP Safety Regulation 62-1 was updated. Since then, Safety has been emphasizing the changes to the regulations. These include:

Change in the Annual Safety Survey

ORM training for new members and refresher

Safety Officers required to take AFIDL 02170

At the end of 2007, the National CAP Safety Regulation 62-2 covering reporting was updated. Important changes include guidelines for the online reporting system, formal mishap definitions and all mishaps are now reportable. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that this document is reviewed by unit commanders and safety officers.

Specifically for California Wing, with the change in Wing Commander, there is a new 62-2 supplement in the Safety Section of the CAWG website. Please place the current document in vehicles, aircraft and post on safety bulletin boards. Inform members of the change and let them know where they can find access to this document. ES personnel, especially Incident Commanders, should have knowledge of the reporting chain and procedures.

The safety sections has a number of plans upcoming for the new year. A CAWG supplement to 62-1 is in the works. We plan to have three safety officer courses this year. We want all unit safety officers to complete the 02170. We want to continue communication with The Word and with regular Group Safety Officer conference calls.

Please feel free to contact the Wing safety team at safety@cawg.cap.gov with questions, comments and ideas. Articles for The Word would always be appreciated. We depend on the members of CAWG to tell us what you need and want. Remember, Wing Safety wants to work for you!

Safety Officer 101

By 1LT Maile Bloxsom

At Wing Conference Major Alex Kay and Major Mike Watkins presented a Unit Safety Officer's Training Course. The class was attended by more than twenty people and feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

This course presents the nuts and bolts of being a safety officer and I recommend it for not only safety officers, but anyone interested in safety including unit commanders and incident commanders. We try and give the safety officer the who, what, where, when, why and how of safety in about four hours.

How do I sign up for this amazing training opportunity? The Safety section plans on presenting three of these seminars in 2008. One will be held on May 17 at Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base for the South. Another is planned for the North on June 14. We plan on doing the third at Wing Conference if time and space is available. More information will be sent out shortly.

A final note, we would like to welcome Paul Groff, winner of the 2007 Safety Officer of the Year award, to the Safety Staff covering the Northern part of the State! Congratulations and thank you for your time and commitment to Safety.

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Reported Incidents 10/2007 to Present

0 aircraft incidents

0 vehicle incident

3 personal injuries

*brown recluse spider bite

*cadet fell and chipped a tooth

*senior member slipped and fell breaking hip

Group Safety Officers

Please remember the conference call on Thursday, 24 Jan 2008 at 2000 hours local. A reminder e-mail will be sent. If you are not getting safety related e-mails, please contact Wing Safety to update the roster with your e-mail address.