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MEMORANDUM FOR NER WG/CCs

FROM: NER/CC

SUBJECT: Region Commander's Safety Policy

1. Attached is the Northeast Region Safety Policy. This policy is effective immediately, and will continue in effect until further notice. Please ensure widest dissemination to all units. Local reproduction is authorized and encouraged. Please post on all unit safety bulletin boards in a prominent position. Ensure that a copy is placed in the Aircraft Information File in every Northeast Region aircraft, either powered or glider.
2. All members must read and understand the policy. It is to be incorporated into all new member's Level I training. It must be reviewed with each member when a CAP Vehicle Operator's Permit is issued, and when a CAPF 5 and/or CAPF 91 checkride is given.

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## **COMMANDER'S SAFETY POLICY — NORTHEAST REGION**

### **Compliance With This Policy Is Mandatory**

This policy establishes the region's policy in regard to safety in all aspects of Civil Air Patrol activities conducted within the region, or by wings / units / members of the region regardless of their location. All CAP operations must be conducted in the safest, most professional and efficient manner possible.

**1. Goal.** Our ultimate goal is to accomplish all CAP activities, both mission and non-mission related, with zero accidents and mishaps. Accidents and mishaps cause a loss of personnel and assets which we cannot afford if we are to effectively accomplish our Missions For America.

**2. The Safety Attitude.** All CAP personnel assigned to Northeast Region, both senior and cadet, must recognize and accept their individual responsibility in preventing accidents and mishaps. Commanders, staff members, and individual members must take an in-depth look at their daily activities, assess the potential risks and determine the safest method of mission or task accomplishment. Each member must remember that safety is an attitude we must *all* possess to protect our most precious resource — our members.

**3. Leadership.** Instilling safety as an essential element of leadership requires continuous commitment to safety in all that we do. We must make safety an indispensable part of all of our activities and always look for opportunities to foster a safe environment as well as develop the “safety attitude”. By minimizing risks, we can safely accomplish all our goals. In this way, we are **ALL** Safety Officers.

**4. Responsibility.** Commanders at all levels are the common denominator in completing our missions and activities safely. Risk management techniques must be applied to all situations. For activities with potentially higher risks, commanders must assess the situation before beginning the activity. In the case of routine activities, such as obstacle courses, travel on snow and ice covered roads, etc. commanders should ensure that a risk management assessment is performed to identify specific risks and develop ways to reduce those risks. This may mean finding an alternate way to complete the task or activity. Safety must be a integral part of the planning and execution of all Civil Air Patrol activities. In addition, commanders should emphasize the importance of safety in all that we do, including non-CAP activities. Commanders at all levels must:

- Know the members under their command, as well as the capabilities of each of these members.
- Monitor the environment for hazards. Report and correct all hazardous conditions.
- Enforce compliance with safety / health standards, technical procedures and proper use of equipment.

**The individual is the key to effective accident / mishap prevention. Each individual member, senior and cadet alike, shall:**

- Know, understand, and comply with all safety regulations, standards, and instructions.
- Report unsafe conditions, equipment and practices to their commanders and Safety Officers; and **WARN OTHERS OF EACH HAZARD OBSERVED.**
- Have a positive safety attitude — both at CAP activities, and in their day-to-day non-CAP activities.

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