

# Safety Brief

National Requirement for Safety  
Event 08/30/07

National statistics

# Sept 2007 Safety Event

- Required National Safety Brief
- Send Names of those completing the course to your Wing Safety Officer by 11-Sept-2007
- This is required of all Southwest Region CAP members in order to participate in future activities.

# Recent Wyoming Accident

Pilot flew From  
Cowley to  
Sheridan WY  
to pick up 2  
crew members  
at 1530 hrs.

Then on to  
search area in  
Big Horn  
Mountains.

Marginal VFR  
conditions.

Crashed at 1700  
hrs.



# NTSB Preliminary Report

- Aircraft wreckage located .75 mile from ridge of a canyon at 7600 MSL.
- Peaks in this area are 13,000'
- Plane crashed through tree tops, impacting the ground, breaking apart and catching fire.
- The engine & parts of the plane scattered 200 ft. past the main body of the wreckage.
- There were 3 fatalities

# Last Salute to:

- Lt. Col. James Henderson, 59, of Cowley, Wyo., was a self-employed businessman and highly trained, seven-year veteran of the Civil Air Patrol. Henderson served as a search and rescue officer, counter drug officer, flight release officer, mission check pilot, cadet orientation pilot, SAR/DR mission pilot, transport mission pilot and moral leadership instructor for the Wyoming Wing.
- Capt. Patricia Larson, 52, of Sheridan, Wyo., was a nurse who served as inspector general of the Wyoming Wing. Larson had been a member of the Civil Air Patrol for nearly four years.
- Sr. Mbr. James Meyer, 53, of Sheridan, Wyo., a pilot who served as the emergency services training officer and operations officer of the Cloud Peak Composite Squadron. He had been a member of the Civil Air Patrol for three and a half years and was also a veteran of the U.S. Army.

# DANGER

- CAP has about 5 fatalities per year.
- This work can be dangerous.
- When something like a fatality occurs, it's time to review our safety Standards.

# This is what makes up Statistics

- The next few slides are mishaps that involved CAP members.
- These were the people we train beside, see each other at meetings or a SAREX, our friends.

# Monroe, LA

- Lost 2 of our own recently.
- Plane Crash into swamp in poor weather, practicing IFR approaches.



# Every Wing has lost a member

- April 20, 2004, Arizona lost a member in a highway accident in a CAP van. **The driver fell asleep at the wheel.** Passenger was not in seatbelt and ejected.



# Serious Injuries

- Colorado – A cadet drives off mountain road after leaving a CAP event. **Serious Injuries but recovers.**



# CAP Wants You... to come home Safe!

- No Mission is worth losing more lives.
- If it can't be done safely, find another way to accomplish the mission which is safe.
- Let's not put our families through this deep loss.



# Conditions to Consider

- Mountains are not the only hazard.
- Maneuvering flight is the most dangerous. Every flight must contend with this whether in the traffic pattern or on a mission.
- Coastal areas deal with fog
- Southern States have high heat conditions.
- Northern States have severe cold.
- Identify your hazards and prepare for them.

# Here are the Statistics:

- CAP 2007 so far:
- Aircraft Accidents = 2
- AC incidents = 60
- Vehicle Accidents = 0
- Veh. Incidents = 16
- Bodily Injuries = 39
- Fatalities = 3
- FAA reports 54 Fatalities in all of General aviation for the same period.
- 6% of Fatalities were CAP members.

# Assets

- CAP spends \$200,000 yearly in repairs to damaged assets.
- How close did we come to an injury along with this damage?
- If we can improve this loss ratio, that can free up money for increased training.



# Injury & Assets

- CAP receives \$200,000 yearly of injury claims.
- You are the most important asset in CAP and we don't want to lose you.
- Use care and caution in your work and let's all get home safely – **Uninjured & Alive!**



End of Presentation