



The Safety Chain

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To All Unit Commanders & Safety Officers:

Please read the following message from Lt Col Christian Felton, CAP, Great Lakes Director of Safety.

I want to make you all aware of an **important safety requirement for encampments and large scale activities**. I covered this in a recent presentation to our Wing Commanders (attached), so for them it will be review.

IAW CAPR 160-1, Para 2.6.7, a “Designated Safety Officer” will be assigned to all NCSAs, Encampments (Wing CI Requirement), and any organized activity/event lasting more than 48 hours or spanning two(2) nights.

Designated Safety Officer qualifications:

- Previously served as an activity safety officer; OR have a Technician Rating in Safety
- If there are flying activities included, they must be a GA pilot or CAP aircrew member
- Completed the Activity Safety Officer Course during the current or previous calendar year
- The Designated Safety Officer is to be active in the early planning stages of the activity

Going forward we'll be using the titles Designated Safety Officer and Activity Safety Officer (ASO) interchangeably. Additionally, some wings are already adopting the best practice of assigning an ASO to all activities outside of the squadron. Commanders and safety directors, please **be certain that all of your groups and squadrons are aware of this requirement**. You are certainly welcome to use the content in my emails for your own monthly safety updates to your wings.

ASO is a very important and demanding position, so early selection of a qualified officer is essential. They will be completing all RM planning for the assigned activity and will be charged with handling any activity mishap reviews. Proper planning and documentation should not only help prevent mishaps but will most certainly be referenced during any review process.

You can further review the requirements and duties by completing the **Activity Officer Safety Course** in the [AXIS LMS Portal](#) in eServices. This takes only about 15 minutes and will help put us all on the same page. In addition to safety officers, all activity directors and commanders should complete this training.

Upon completion of this course you will automatically receive an update to your monthly safety currency. If you have previously completed the ASO training, please consider this [option](#) for your monthly currency.

Thank you all for your attention and commitment to safety!

V/R,
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This is a major change since the rewrite of CAP's safety regulation, therefore it is important for commanders and safety officers at all levels review CAPR 160-1, "Civil Air Patrol Safety Program."

It is also important and required for all Activity Safety Officers to complete the "Activity Safety Officer" course located in the AXIS Learning System as soon as possible.

Should you have questions or need additional guidance please contact me. I can be contact via eMail at knoe@kywg.cap.gov or by telephone at 812.207-5350.

Semper Vigilans

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