



The Safety Chain

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Activity Safety Officer

This issue of *The Safety Chain* discusses what & when an Activity Safety Officer (ASE) is required, and the requirements to be an ASE.

Here is what CAPR 160-1, par. 2.6.7 says;

2.6.7. Activity SE. All National Cadet Special Activities (NCSA), wing encampments, and any other organized CAP activity or event lasting more than 48 hours or spanning two nights will have a designated activity SE, working under the supervision of the activity director/commander.

The first question you need to ask yourself, “*Is this activity lasting more than 48 hours, or does this activity span two nights or more?*” If the answer to either one of these two questions then the answer is “Yes” and you need to appoint an Activity Safety Officer (ASE). If the answer is no to both of these questions then the answer is “NO” and you do not need to appoint an ASE. For example, your weekly squadron meeting does not require an ASE to be appointed and you can stop at this point. However, if the answer is “Yes” then you need to continue with the next part of CAPR 160-1.

Now that you have determined your activity requires an ASE, we will look at the qualifications and training for someone to act as an ASE. Requirements are spelled out in CAPR 160-1, par. 2.6.7.1 and sub paragraphs;

2.6.7.1.1. The activity SE should have either previously served as an activity SE or possess a Technician level in the Safety Specialty track.

2.6.7.1.2. The activity SE must have completed the activity SE training module in eServices during the current or previous calendar year.

Now we will take a look and determine if the person we select is qualified to be an Activity Safety Officer (ASE). The next question to ask is, “Has the person previously served as a safety officer for a CAP activity in the past?” if the answer is “YES” the second question to ask is “*Has the member completed the Activity SE training module in eServices?*” If you answer “Yes” to both of these questions then the person you have selected to be your ASE is qualified and ready to go. If you answer “No” to the second question then the member you selected is not qualified and cannot serve as your ASE. The remedy to this is for the CAP member to complete the Activity SE training module in eServices immediately.

If the CAP member you select to be your ASE has not served as a safety officer at a CAP activity, a member who holds at least the Technician rating in safety specialty track **and** has completed the Activity SE training module in eServices can serve as an Activity SE for your event.

Should your activity involve flying such as O'rides, the Activity Safety Officer must hold either a CAP pilot rating or mission aircrew rating. If the CAP member does not hold a CAP aircrew rating, the member can be either a licensed FAA private or commercial pilot. This member must also meet the same requirements listed above as well as being a pilot. As a pilot the member does not need to be current.

Prior to your activity, a full and deliberate Risk Management (RM) plan must be completed. This is accomplished using CAPF 160. CAPR 160-1, par. 3.3.1.1 discusses when deliberate RM will be performed, and par. 3.3.1.2 discusses recurring events.

Examples of some of the activities listed in CAPR 160-1, par. 3.3.1.1.1;

3.3.1.1.1. National Cadet Special Activities (NCSAs), region cadet activities, and wing encampments. This includes all flight academies, flight clinics, cadet orientation flight days, or other activities with multiple aircraft and sorties and multiple crews/passengers (this includes powered aircraft, gliders, balloons, and sUAS events).

On March 19, 2020 I will be holding a GOTO Meeting titled "Introduction to and Completing CAPF 160." This meeting will begin at 7 PM EDT and has an active participation requirement for all attendees.

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