



The Safety Chain

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The new CAP Safety Regulation (CAPR 160-1) are now in effect. I recommend everyone to download and read the new regulation as soon as possible and visit the Safety page located at capmembers.com. Since there will be units who have upcoming Subordinate Unit Inspections being completed within the next twelve months be sure to contact the Inspector General and verify what requirements your unit must meet for safety. In this issue of the *Safety Chain* I will be covering the new SUI requirements. You can find the new SUI requirements on pages 30 and 31 in CAPR 160-1.

For subordinate units there are three items on the safety checklist. The first item is E-2, #5;

Was the squadron SE Technician rated or higher in the Safety Specialty Track, or at a minimum was the SE enrolled in the Safety Specialty Track when appointed?

I highly recommend when appointing the SE for your unit to enter them into the Safety Specialty Track at the same time.

The next SUI item is E-2, #7;

Did the Squadron SE provide and log a safety education topic every month for the 12-month period immediately prior to the SUI?

During the past two-year period I have received information from units that *"we are presenting a safety topic each month..."*, the problem is that some units are not recording the safety education topics in SIRS. A former wing director of safety always told me, *"...if the paperwork is not completed then it did not happen."* Same here, if the unit SE is not getting the information entered into SIRS then the safety education did not happen. Now, I know that not every member attends every meeting and will miss one or more monthly safety education sessions. However, there are many different ways for members to stay safety current. For example, the unit SE can call missing members on the phone, use GOTO Meeting, set up a personal free ZOOM account, pilots can attend safety seminars presented by the FAA or AOPA, and there are many safety topics available in through CAP's Learning Management System (LMS).

The third item of the SUI inspection sheet is E-2, #8;

Did all active units in the Wing conduct the Annual Safety RM Day during the months of January, February, or March?

During the 2018 wing conference Col Williamson mandated for ALL Kentucky Wing units to hold their Annual Safety RM day and have it completed no later than the last day of January. Last year was the first year for this requirement, and it was a 100% success. This was a first for the Kentucky wing. Each year National HQ will prepare and make available the material we will use no later than 31 December of each year. The same will occur this year as well.

Next I want to speak on the Technician level requirements for the Safety Specialty Track. I have attached the current requirements for the Technician rating. Presently items are referenced to the old CAP regulation, 62-1 and 62-2. Just change the CAPR references to the new regulation 160-1 and 160-2. Looking through eServices I found nine unit safety officers with no rating. Some of these members have been safety officers for more than 6 months, so please think about completing technician level. Ultimately this will make you better as a safety officer.

Lastly, from the Commander's Call after the 2019 wing conference, it was mentioned that training is needed for SIRS. If you need help my job is to help you. I retired a few years ago as an educator with more than 40 years in the classroom. There has been times over the years a student complains that my teacher never helped me. Teachers are not mind readers and keeping the avenues of communications is a must. Need help? Call me. As I said to someone a little bit ago, "Need help, call me and I'll be there." The same for CAP members, call me and I will be there.

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