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## *Operations Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming Activities**

#### **Group 22 SAREX**

On 5 Nov Group 22 will host their Mid Level Exercise at Lake In The Hills Airport on 5 November. As with all Group SAREX activity everyone is welcome to participate. This will be the first of our 2017 Fiscal Year training events. Group 22 always has some good training so we look forward to the day.

#### **Group 4 Kane County Exercise**

Kane County is conducting a full scale exercise on 5 November. The scenario revolves around a missing person search. Group 4 will be coordinating and assisting in the exercise. Great job by Group 4.

#### **Group Level Monthly Training**

A number of Groups have expressed an interest in conducting monthly ES Training. Modelled after the Success of the Group 2 training, this is a great way to complete or hone your ES ratings. Squadrons should coordinate with Group Staff on these events. These events just don't happen, they require ICS staff and an Operations plan before mission approval and the flow of funding.

#### **Hurricane Matthew DR**

With Hurricane Matthew wreaking havoc in the southeast, CAP has been called upon to provide disaster relief. Although Great Lakes Region and Illinois Wing have not been called up yet. We can anticipate tasking in the next few days. When the call does come, as always a sign up list will be used to deploy resources.

#### **Operations News**

#### **Wing Level Exercise**

Over 80 members showed up at the Bloomington Airport to execute the Wing Level Exercise. This year was a Guided Training event, which means the Air Force was there but we were not evaluated. Both Seniors and Cadets showed off their skills in Disaster Relief and a missing aircraft search. Weather did not cooperate and pushed the flight schedule back a few hours. The scenario was a challenge but not too much for the Command staff and crews. A great job by everyone. A special thanks goes out to Lt Col Willis and his team for hosting the event. The facilities were well suited for this type of event. The goal of establishing different operating locations throughout the Wing was a success. We know we can operate a large mission out of DuPage and now we know Bloomington can handle the Mid-State area. Although we are looking at next years evaluated mission being held at DuPage future events will be held down south to move forward with our goals.

## **Current Operating Picture**

If you've looked at missions in WMIRS you know there's a lot of information there. My staff builds a training plan and that plan is used to populate WMIRS. Sometimes it's hard to tell from that what's actually going on. This is one reason I started this newsletter. In a continued effort, I'm working on a Common Operating Picture in Google docs. This will allow the Wing Command Staff and Group Commanders to see at a glance what missions are currently being execute, both exercise and actual. It will also show missions coming up in the next month. This should be shared in the next week or so.