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### **Director's Message – October 2015**

October 1st, is the start of the new federal fiscal year, so Happy New Year, Illinois Wing! There might not be a lot of other people celebrating but things are going well for CAP with lots of new opportunities on the horizon. But with these new opportunities there will also be more exposure to hazards that we will need to address.

One of our big opportunities is the new partnership that Operations is developing with the Illinois Air National Guard. During the Prairie Assurance exercise CAP operated a command post from the Air Guard base in Springfield and we had unprecedented access to the base for the week. The week ended with the Air Force announcing the new total force concept which includes CAP as part of the future plans. This is a great opportunity for us as both an organization and as individuals but it is a new challenge that we will need to meet. When our people are allowed greater access to military facilities there are new hazards that we may face. On the base there can be hazards from munitions, jet wash, electronics equipment to name a few. Fortunately most of them have already been identified and addressed by the Air Force but those of us who choose to volunteer for that environment will need to meet those standards.

October 1st, is also the first day of the new Group Command structure with the Wing being divided into 4 Groups instead of five. These new Groups are geographically divided with the intent that in the event of a disaster the Group and its subordinate Squadrons could effectively respond to a disaster or search event for 24 hours. This concept highlights the need to for each Group to have at least 2 qualified Mission Safety Officers to support the first 24 hours of a mission. The need for 2 MSO's isn't so we can



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have one on duty and a backup in case he is out of town, the actual need is to have one for the first 12 hour shift and one for the second 12 hour shift, so it will take more than just 2 members in each Group to cover that need. Another issue to consider is that some MSO's hold multiple qualifications, as in my case where I am one of the Wing MSOs but by the time this newsletter is published will have probably finished my Incident Commander qualification. We need more than one person who can do everything, we need lots of people with lots of skill sets, including Mission Safety Officers.

Another item for the beginning of the new year is that each unit needs to complete an annual ORM for regular meetings, physical fitness activities and any other regular events. Units should also be completing their annual safety survey and planning the safety stand down day. Please remember that if you are a Squadron Safety Office and need help, the Group Safety Officer is there to help you. If you are the Group Safety Officer you can always go to the Wing Safety staff. In a paramilitary organization we always want to work within the organizational structure, but remember networking with other Safety Officers in the organization is a great way to get ideas or answers, besides being a chance to make new friends.

Finally, I need to ask a tough question. When I took over this position publishing a quarterly newsletter to the entire Wing with lesson plans and standard ORMs to use as guides seemed to be a great way to get the message out, however after the July edition was out for a couple months I was surprised that very few people new about the baseline standard ORM that had been developed and published. I need some very frank answers about the future of Safety Pins. Is it still relevant? In the age of e-mail should we skip the regularly scheduled newsletter and just send out e-mails as needed? Is there an alternative that we should be using? Please e-mail your thoughts and comments directly to me at [MRazny@ilwg.cap.gov](mailto:MRazny@ilwg.cap.gov) . No repercussions, no hard feeling just tell me what you think.

Have a safe holiday season!

Major Mark Razny, CAP  
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**Safety Briefings**

*Safety Officers – The following safety briefings are available as a resource for your use in safety education*

***Autumn***

Introduction

Show Webpage- Fall Season Safety Tips

[http://safety.lovetoknow.com/Fall\\_Season\\_Safety\\_Tips](http://safety.lovetoknow.com/Fall_Season_Safety_Tips)

Discussion

- Any other tips not listed?
- How does the video apply to CAP?

2010 Abington FD PSA 5- Autumn Safety

Show Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFAPtyx389Q>

Question and Answers

Closing Comments



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**Safety Briefings (cont)...**

***Mistakes in Aviation***

Introduction

Show or print handout- "12 Common Causes of Mistakes in the Aviation Workplace

<https://www.faasafety.gov/files/gslac/library/documents/2012/Nov/71574/DirtyDozenWeb3.pdf>

Discussion

- Real World Situations that you have experienced on this list.
- What can be done to limit those mistakes

“The Wrong Stuff”

Show Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPpPjEd3yUY>

- What mistake(s) were made in this video, from the 12 Issues on the handout?

Question and Answers

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***Ergonomics***

Introduction

Show Video- "Workplace Ergonomics"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QeDUCXfzl6U>

Discussion

- How does ergonomics apply to everyday life?
- How does the video apply to CAP?

Office Ergonomics to Reduce Fatigue and Avoid Injury

Print Handout or show on screen <https://pbs.twimg.com/media/CMQpH-NWIAAP0IE.jpg>

Have all participants complete the stretches shown

Question and Answers

Closing Comments