



California Wing Conference 2009

Emergency Services Seminars

The Emergency Services section of California Wing is pleased to present a series of ES-related seminars at this year's Wing Conference.

Each seminar is listed below along with a brief topic description and the seminar leader's bio. We hope to have presented a wide range of topics that would interest both new members and experienced members of CAP's ES program. We also hope to have spread out the times enough that you may choose different topics that complement each other. Due to the compressed time of the conference, some of the topics do overlap. Please refer to the official conference schedule for times and locations.

For information on specific seminars, please contact the individual instructor below.

1. Emergency Services Overview -- General Briefing / LTC David Boehm

Get the latest "low-down" on ES operations in California. This overview will introduce the rest of the ES-related seminars at the Wing Conference, a summary of ES operations over the past year, and new and upcoming technologies and activities we have planned for next year. General member input will be welcome during this session in order to develop the safest and most effective ES program in all of CAP!

About your instructor: LTC Boehm currently serves as the Director of Emergency Services for CAWG. He is been an Incident Commander for 8 years and has been a search & rescue volunteer for 15 years in both CAP and a Sheriff's SAR team. He has served as a squadron commander and in many other group and wing staff positions in CAP. Professionally, David is an airline captain for a large regional airline.

2. SAREX's and Operations Plans -- A general "How-To" / LTC Joe Chizmadia

Learn how to put together the perfect operations plan. Discuss the tips & tricks for putting together an effective ES training exercise.

About your instructor: LTC Chizmadia is a CAWG Incident Commander and has served on the Wing operations staff for over 10 years. Joe has also served as a squadron commander, group commander, and chief check pilot in CAP and has been involved in several major search & rescue missions in California.

3. Fostering Good Judgement in your Search & Rescue Unit / 1LT Dana Kirsch Ray

Safety is no accident. Common sense is no longer common. This lecture covers some of the things you can do as a search team manager to recognize, and influence the culture of your SAR team to foster an environment which will promote good judgment. This course is heavily influenced by CRM studies and best practices derived from Pilots and Police Officers as reported in the book Redefining Airmanship by Kern.

About your instructor: 1LT Ray has been involved in Search and Rescue for over 15 years. She has a Master's Degree in learning and brain science from MIT. She is a Nationally Registered Paramedic, and a private pilot. She has been a Mission Ready K9 handler since 2001. She is an active member of her county Sheriff SAR team, including being part of an OES Type 1 team, she is a SARTECH I and a NASAR instructor. Major Ray is currently the Squadron Commander at the Palo Alto Airport, and is a Civil Air Patrol Incident Commander. Dana has participated in well over 100 searches. Dana worked as a Disaster Assistance Employee during the 2004 hurricane season in Florida. During which time, she supervised over 300 FEMA workers.



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4. IMU Capabilities Overview / 1LT Rich Lovick

Learn how the IMU can make the mission run easier for the mission base staff and of course the Incident Commander. A demonstration of the main functions of the IMU and how they come together. The IMU is based on the flow of a traditional command post. This will be a practical, hands on exercise.

About your instructor: 1LT Lovick is a CAWG Incident Commander and has been a CAP member since 1996. He is involved with both air and ground ES missions. He holds two Distress Finds and over 20 non-distress and managed over 100 ELT missions as one of CAWG's most active ICs.

5. Table Top Exercise / 1LT Tolga Tarhan

After learning everything the IMU can offer, try your luck as an Incident Commander, Section Chief, or other key mission management position in a hands-on, table top emergency services scenario. This table top exercise will be fast-paced, just like a real mission, and will put your management skills to the test.

About your instructor: 1LT Tarhan is an Incident Commander in CAWG and has been very active in developing mission management "best practices" for CAP. He developed software that now serves as the national standard for photo processing, meeting specific requirements of 1st Air Force for submission of aerial photography. Tolga currently serves as the Wing deputy director for homeland security missions.

6. GSAR Update & Discussion / LTC Tony Upton

Ground Search & Rescue School; what is it and how can we make it better? This past summer GSAR School was conducted for four days at Camp San Luis Obispo during pre-encampment. Next summer GSAR School will run eight days, during the same time frame and location of the encampment. Colonel Parris wants an alternative school for advance cadets and senior members that will guide them toward the ES Mission of CAP. Colonel Parris hopes that by getting cadets interested in emergency services, their future progression in to senior membership will be smoother. Please join us during the conference to discuss the future of GSAR School.

About your instructor: LTC Upton is the current Director, Cadet Programs CAWG. Tony joined CAP in 1964, and while a cadet was a CAWG survival instructor and assistance ground team leader. In 1971 upon becoming a senior member, Tony became a mission pilot and cadet orientation pilot. He has also served as both a squadron and group commander while keeping active in the cadet program and emergency services.



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7. Introduction to Emergency Services -- A Beginners Guide / LTC John Aylesworth

An overview of the types of Emergency Services missions CAP performs in CAWG, what the requirements are and how to get involved! Both Senior members and Cadets who are not currently involved in E.S., but would like to be, are encouraged to attend. This will be an interactive session which includes a presentation and plenty of time for Q&A.

About your instructor: LTC Aylesworth is the Interim Commander for NorCal Group 5 and has been active in CAP Emergency Services since 1981. He is currently qualified in several operational specialties including SAR/DR Mission Pilot, Mission Observer and various base staff positions. He is an Instrument rated Private Pilot with almost 500 hours, and a Master Observer with over 200 mission hours.

8. Incident Commander and Section Chief meeting -- Meet & Greet / LTC David Boehm

All ICs and Section Chiefs are invited to this meeting that will introduce each other and foster team building across our mission management specialties. One of the future goals in CAWG is to develop incident management teams to manage large incidents and to encourage consistent mission base staff training. We will be exploring this concept and other effective mission management techniques.

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