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Civil Air Patrol Holds Standardization/Evaluation Conference

ALEXANDRIA, La. – On July 10, Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) Louisiana Wing held a Standardization/Evaluation (Stan/Eval) conference at the Surrogate Predator Operations facility at Alexandria International Airport. Instructors included: Lieutenant Colonels Brian Capone, Cole Flournoy and Tom Barnard.

Louisiana Wing Standardization/Evaluation Officer, Lt. Col. Thomas 'Doc' Barnard stressed the importance of the one day event. Barnard said, "Our Stan/Eval pilots must be keenly aware of their responsibilities when evaluating pilots during annual flight checks and must be kept abreast of the latest techniques, information and applicable regulations" Barnard further commented: "The most valuable attribute demanded of Stan/Eval personnel is Integrity. Without it, training, skills, and experience are meaningless".

Topics covered during the training included overview of the Stan/Eval program, review of current Louisiana Wing pilot and aircraft statistics, proposed regulations, Mission Information Management System (MIMS), standard operating procedures, "Integrity of the Check Pilot," Garmin 1000 training requirements and techniques, field observations, trends, remedies and shared suggestions.

CAP pilots must prove their proficiency annually by demonstrating the ability to safely and professionally operate CAP aircraft. They are also tested on their knowledge of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and CAP rules and regulations.

Louisiana Wing strives to execute every mission tasked by the U.S. Air Force and other agencies in a safe and professional manner because the customer demands it and CAP has promised it.

Louisiana Wing has over 500 members, representing 14 squadrons that are located in Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Bossier City, Gonzales, Hammond, Jennings, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, New Orleans, Patterson and Shreveport.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 58,000 members nationwide. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 72 lives in fiscal year 2009. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 23,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 68 years.

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