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Civil Air Patrol to Hold Training Academy

BATON ROUGE, La. – The Lafayette Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Louisiana Wing will host a Training Academy in Lafayette on Aug. 14-15, 2010.

Louisiana Wing Training Academy Director, 1st Lt. Mike Smith, said, “The classes will be held at Hamilton Hall on the campus of the University of Louisiana Lafayette. Some of the best training anywhere is available at our academy.”

Members from across Louisiana and bordering states are expected to attend the two-day event. Classes available to adults will include Squadron Leadership School, Corporate Leadership Course, Unit Commanders Course, Subordinate Unit Inspection, Training Leaders of Cadets, Communications, Incident Command System (ICS-300 and ICS-400), Logistics, Mission Observer, Mission Pilot, Mission Scanner, Safety, and Urban Direction Finding.

In addition, cadets ranging in age from 12 to 18 will be offered Airman Leadership School and Non-Commissioned Officer School.

CAP members carrying out U.S. Air Force assigned missions must be qualified in the area specific to the task. CAP’s Louisiana Wing Commander, Col. Art Scarbrough, said, “The training academy was designed to help members become properly qualified to conduct CAP’s three basic missions of aerospace education, cadet programs, and emergency services.”

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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