



# CAP Safety Beacon

**January 2022**

*The Safety Beacon is for informational purposes. Unit Safety Officers are encouraged to use the articles in the Beacon as topics for their monthly safety briefings and discussions. Members may go to [eservices Learning Management System](#), click on “Go to AXIS,” search for this month’s Safety Beacon, take the quiz, and receive safety education credit.*

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## **Annual Safety Risk Management Day**

It’s the time of year for units to spend one day between the beginning of January and the end of March to talk about Safety Risk Management. Our hope is that, together, we can make the event more than a box to check or something we must do because we have a regulation that requires it. We make the event more than that, in part, by showing that we value our members and their role in ensuring every mission and activity is as safe as reasonably possible – as a “right thing to do.” Click on the following link to see the introduction and learn more about this year’s emphasis items.

[Annual Safety Risk Management Day 2022 | Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters \(gocivilairpatrol.com\)](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/annual-safety-risk-management-day-2022)

To make these safety interactions as meaningful as possible, we have asked that the content shared be relevant to the audience. Not everything on our list on the [2022 Annual SRM Day Emphasis Items and Resources](#) page is going to be relevant to every unit. We have asked Safety Officers to please choose what they think are the best, most relevant, topics to cover and run with them – even if they aren’t on our list. We believe this approach increases the chance of messages shared during the Annual SRM Day being heard, understood, and applied.

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## Upgrading SIRS

Since April of last year, we have focused on upgrading SIRS. The current system provided a good foundation on which to build, and we are planning improvements in user experience, process flows, notifications, and report availability. In June, we finished the basic process flows and user stories that will lead to changes to the SIRS application and allow us to shoot for a rollout mid-2022. Between now and then, there will be a lot of communication about the new system posted in the Beacon, directly on the website, in PROPS, and in our AXIS learning management system.

The new system will be called **Civil Air Patrol Safety Information System** (CAPSIS). This change is intended to better reflect a system that is about more than just safety reporting but making the system a comprehensive source for safety related information. The focus of the current project is to improve on safety reporting, reviewing, and mitigation planning. Future iterations will focus on other system improvements in safety education and development, planning and risk management, after action reviews, and more.

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## National Safety Officer College 2022

On January 6, 2022, we published frequently asked questions (FAQs) and Planned Topics for [NSOC 2022](#). This year, we're inviting up to 180 participants to ensure we can maintain a high-quality, interactive (vs. "sit and get") experience. Enrollment is by invitation only and began December 14, 2021. This approach ensures that those who are required to attend are assured a space.

The first round of invitations is focused on the new Region and Wing Directors of Safety and those Safety Officers actively working on achieving their Master Level Rating in the Safety Officer Specialty track. If there are open slots remaining after February 4, 2022, we will open enrollment to other individuals in a Safety Officer duty assignment.

If you are a new Region or Wing Director of Safety, you must attend NSOC within one year of the duty assignment, unless waived in accordance with CAPR 160-1, Section 2.2. "Waivers: Unless otherwise noted, CAP/SE is the approval authority for all waivers to this regulation. Requests for approval must be coordinated through the applicable wing commander, region commander, and CAP-USAF Liaison Region. CAP/SE will then coordinate with CAP-USAF/SE before approval."

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## Stewardship and Safety

All of you have a passion for CAP. You wouldn't be here otherwise. You devote more than time, you also devote your passion and emotional energy. You care about the

work, your fellow members, and the people we serve, and you want to be good stewards of the people, missions, activities, and resources that are in your care.

According to [Merriam-Webster](#), stewardship is "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." From a safety perspective, there's possibly no better value than recognizing that we are entrusted with people and things that we must take care of. However, "careful and responsible" doesn't mean "free from risk," it means that we make every reasonable effort to plan for and maintain the safest environment reasonably possible.

*Bottom line: Our readiness and reliability to meet our vision and mission of serving America's communities, saving lives, and shaping futures depends on being good stewards of the people and resources entrusted to us.*

The focus of CAP Safety Leaders can and should be on assuring safety is an integral, foundational part of CAP's long-term future -- and that means focusing on people.

- Individual wellbeing -- Are people engaged and enthusiastic about participating in CAP missions and activities? Are they generally upbeat and hungry to be a part of our mission and vision?
- Team wellbeing -- Are people working well together? Do they genuinely care about each other and the success of the team when it comes to being and bringing their best?
- Organizational wellbeing -- Are we doing the right things for the right reasons? Are we focused on our highest possible integrity when it comes to connecting our values to our actions?

Good stewardship is about more than "what to do" -- it's mostly about who's in front of us. Without people, an organization doesn't exist. The idea of stewardship entails understanding why people join and stay with CAP. Leaders that connect with members to understand those reasons and to offer coaching, mentorship, or advice on how to get the most from their experience -- including reflecting on our ideal safety culture -- are examples of good stewards. When members feel that their interests and contributions are valued, they are more likely to engage in ways that are congruent with our values and the principles CAP stands for.

### **Key points**

- We protect the things we care about, and that care shows up in the diligent planning for safe outcomes as an integral part of mission or activity success
  - The outcome of a mission or activity involves more than completing associated tasks, success also depends on every member actively demonstrating care for one another and our equipment.
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## In Other News

Check out this month's [Standardization and Evaluation Newsletter](#) for important information on:

Tire Inflation

Six Steps to Checkride Success (Lt Col D. English)

Practical considerations for flying CAP Missions

Revised AIF (CAP/DOV M. Moyer)

An example of good pilot judgement (Lt Col T. Day)