



## Encampment Mistake or Success

Case Study  
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### Case:

A cadet had just left Hawk Mountain exercise and was going to Encampment. The cadet complained that they were tired and slept all the way to Encampment (roughly 4 hours). We felt this was understandable due to the intensity of Hawk Mountain.

They seemed to be slow getting up to speed during the first few days and were still tired. Neither the cadet nor their parents said anything about the health situation.

They were dropped off with a temperature and left in our care. As the time progressed, they seemed better and a bit livelier. However, this did not last. With the intensity of Encampment and summer heat, they eventually had to go to the Medic.

Here is where it became questionable, and it was discovered they tested positive for Covid-19. I was asked what my thoughts were. This was the first Encampment after Covid rules were changed and opened.

As a Safety Officer and since all cadets were staying until noon on Saturday, all cadets could graduate. As it was already Saturday morning, I voted to call all the parents, inform them of the situation and request that their cadets be picked up. Wing was contacted and concurred. The mere fact that Camp was in the middle of the state, 3.5 from the south and 3.5 from the north, made sense.

What are everyone's thoughts on this?

By the time the parents arrived, it was (early) graduation time.

The cadet was quarantined and graduated. No other cadet was infected, thankfully.

Was it a success or failure?

We kept a close eye on the cadet, and they wanted to push forward as our cadets always want to do. Temps were taken and were within NHQs numbers. Until that last morning.

Did I fail as a Safety Officer? What could/should I have done?

The parents were kept in the loop and said that they were fine with the situation and wanted their cadets to stay and graduate. Hawk Mountain was tough on them.

Should Cadets be allowed to do back-to-back activities? We all want to succeed and push our own personal boundaries. Summers are short and activities are spread out and sometimes impossible to attend all of them.

Please, let me know your thoughts and ideas on this.