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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CAP UNIT COMMANDERS

FROM: CAP/CC

SUBJECT: Flight Release Officer Responsibilities and Liability Coverage

1. Several members have raised concerns about the additional responsibilities and liability coverage for our key personnel serving as Flight Release Officers (FRO) and Senior FROs (SFRO) with the release of the new CAPR 70-1. These personnel are covered by liability insurance.
2. CAPR 900-5, paragraph 11d is clear that all CAP flight release officials (FROs and SFROs) are covered under CAP's aviation liability insurance provided they are involved in a corporate mission and they are acting within the scope of CAP regulations and their authority. Similarly, when supporting Air Force missions, these same officials are covered under the Federal Torts Claims Act. I have asked the operations staff to make a small change to the FRO courses in the learning management system to make it clear this liability coverage is in place.
3. I appreciate how hard you are working to implement our new FRO and ORM processes within WMIRS. CAP is expanding the missions we have historically done, and these new processes will ensure we continue to protect our members, organization and resources.
4. If you have any questions, please direct them to my Director of Operations, John Desmarais, at jdesmarais@capnhq.gov or 1-888-211-1812 extension 301.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark E. Smith".

MARK E. SMITH
Major General, CAP
Commander

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