

Paul W. Turner Safety Officer of the Year
Lieutenant Colonel Christian J. Felton
Great Lakes Region

As the Great Lakes Region Director of Safety, Lt Col Christian Felton fosters a primary emphasis on safety through leadership in his roles as a Mission Safety Officer, Mission Check Pilot Examiner, Operations Section Chief and as an Incident Commander. He also instills Cadet program safety in our newest CAP Cadets, when he engages them in an enthusiastic safety briefing before they accompany him aloft on their very first glider orientation flights!



Lt Col Felton has given Safety Promotion and Education critical emphasis. He has mentored numerous candidates for the Safety Specialty Track, trained two new Wing Directors of Safety, and one Wing Assistant Director of Safety. While attending the 2020 National Safety Officer College (NSOC) Lt Col Felton was a seminar advisor for 26 students from GLR. Lt Col Felton was also a member of the GLR NSOC project team which gained recognition from both the NHQ Safety team and a note from the National Commander.

Lt Col Felton's most recent safety accomplishment was the creation and publishing of two new 2020 Safety Supplements for the Great Lakes Region. The unique characteristic of the supplement included the implementation of USAF style Quick Reaction Checklists (QRC) for aircraft and vehicle mishap response. This QRC saves time, ensures increased safety of our personnel, and prevents the potential loss of important data.

In 2017 he designed and implemented a safety mishap matrix for the final review and submission of mishaps and corrective actions to NHQ. In September 2020 the CAP Chief of Safety requested this matrix be shared with the NHQ safety team for evaluation as a possible benchmark practice.

This pattern of highly effective program leadership and willingness to create solutions has been evident in Lt Col Felton's safety engagement for many years.