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June Update

An Abbreviated Beacon Newsletter

It has been a busy May and June for CAP Safety. We just completed our semi-annual National Safety Officer College, held at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn VA. The time it took to put on the course was well worth it as six of our eight region directors of safety, and numerous wing directors of safety were able to attend. Along with them we had our CAP Director of Operations and our CAP Director of Cadet Programs spend time with us. We were pleased to have representatives from the NTSB, the FAA, and CAP-USAF, along with a representative from the SECAF's office join us. Our National Commander, Maj Gen Vazquez, was there for a few days. Our recently selected future National Commander, Col Mark Smith, joined us as a "student" for the whole week. We were truly honored to have this kind of support as we laid out our vision and discussed plans for a risk management-based Safety Management System approach to CAP Safety. The future of CAP safety is bright!

QUICK REMINDERS!!!!

- This is an abbreviated edition of the Beacon. We'll be back next month with the standard edition. Let us know if you have any specific questions or issues you'd like us to cover in upcoming editions.

- **PLEASE USE THE TOOLS PROVIDED ON THE [CADET NCSA SAFETY WEBPAGE !!!](#)**

We are beginning to see minor mishaps from encampments and NCSAs, along with the normal minor mishaps at the unit level, and I have seen NO use of the [Mishap Reporting Checklist](#). The guides, briefing templates, and mishap reporting checklist need to be used so we can improve our mishap prevention and management, but also to help us develop the tools that will become a standard part of the Safety Program going forward.

Minor Mishaps? Have a Curious Mind

Minor mishaps, like bruises, sprains, and fainting episodes, usually don't need to have a full mishap review but they DO NEED commanders and safety officers to open up their curiosity and ask what went wrong, and what we can do to fix it. I saw one mishap where a cadet fainted during the opening formation of a Memorial Day activity. The cadet and the cadet's mother admitted that the cadet didn't hydrate enough, but the safety officers and wing and region commanders passed it off as "First Aid Only" saying the wing stresses hydration. No one asked "why" or what could be done to bolster the hydration protocols beyond the comment that "XX Wing has briefed on hydration twice this year." I have seen some elaborate plans to make sure cadets show up hydrated, rested, well fed, and prepared for a busy day. Unfortunately a lot of minor mishaps don't say much more than, "we told them but they didn't listen." Please put your heads together after every minor mishap and ask, "Is there anything we can do to improve the way we do this?"
