Operations at a Strategic Level

DURATION: 60 minutes

TEACHING METHOD: Discussion

READING: Student Guide, CAP Strategic Plan, National website

LESSON OBJECTIVE: This lesson seeks to help members understand CAP's operational missions at the region and national level.

DESIRED LEARNING OUTCOMES (DLO):

1. Understand the breadth and depth of missions accomplished across CAP.
2. Understand the role of the region in Operations.
3. Understand the reasoning behind the region operations evaluation model.
4. Understand current national Operations initiatives.
5. Understand the challenges faced by Operations today.

LESSON STRATEGY: This lesson is designed to explore operations at the strategic level.

INSTRUCTOR NOTE: This lesson focuses on region and national operations . Students should complete the assigned Student Guide before coming to the class. This allows you to spend most of your time on discussion questions and any exercises or case studies offered. Survey the students to see how well they've absorbed the materials and adjust your plan as necessary.

REVIEW: Ask the students if they have any questions about the reading. If they have questions, answer them. If not, proceed with a short review. Ask the students to share the most important points from the reading. Encourage students to share stories from their own units. If necessary, develop cases to enhance discussion.

BRIDGE: As a strategic level leader, it is important to understand CAP's operational missions. Let's take discuss what you learned.

SUGGESTED DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Feel free to add or adjust questions as necessary to meet the students' needs as well as the unique conditions for your squadron.

Lead off question: What did you learn from the documents you reviewed on the Operations portion of the gocivilairpatrol.com website?

Supporting Question: What Lunch and Learn topics has Operations presented recently?

Supporting Question: What is the role of the region in Operations?

Supporting Question: Why is Ops Eval 3.0 more effective?

Supporting Question: What Operations-related goals did you find in the Strategic Plan?
Supporting Question: What types of missions are conducted in your region of residence or service? How has it changed in the last several years?

Supporting Question: Why is Operations a challenging area to lead?

CLOSELY RELATED LESSONS: Federal and State Agency Partnerships, The CAP Strategic Plan

EXERCISE:

1. Review the documents posted in the Operations area on the gocivilairpatrol.com website at https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/emergency-services/2019-operations-conference-presentations .

2. Review the CAP Strategic Plan. Note any Operations related goals mentioned in the plan.

3. Contact the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations for the region in which you serve or are physically located. Find out what kinds of mission the wings and the region conduct.