

Lt Col T. Keith Riddle Aircrew Member of the Year Award

Colonel Aaron E. Oliver

Oklahoma Wing

Col Aaron E. Oliver has contributed significantly to CAP's emergency services and operational missions as an Aircrew Member.

During the COVID-19 stand-down, he maintained mission readiness status, prepared two members for earning additional FAA certificates, participated in Mission Pilot training events, and provided aircraft check rides. Once the Wing was authorized to begin limited flight operations, he devised and executed a robust plan to provide regular CAP aircraft utilization.

A CAP member for 23 years, Col Oliver has risen to Incident Commander Level 2 and served at all levels of Operations and in all mission types. He is a Mission Check Pilot Examiner, Check Pilot Examiner, Air Operations Branch Director, Senior Flight Release Officer, holds five Master ratings in various CAP specialties and has completed Level V of the Education and Training Program.

As Operations Section Chief, he led a grueling operations evaluation in 2019 and used FlightAware software.

He has participated in Homeland Defense missions, including Amalgam Arrow air defense intercept training with the Oklahoma Air National Guard.

He has surveyed low-level training routes for Altus Air Force Base, provided Incident Command duties at Tinker Air Force Base, flown photo assessment missions for Tinker's air show and participated in Oklahoma Emergency Management and Oklahoma National Guard readiness exercises, and he participates annually in AERO Oklahoma Day.