

**Search and Rescue (SAR):** Perhaps best known for its search and rescue efforts, CAP now flies more than 85 percent of all federal inland SAR missions directed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley AFB, Virginia.

Outside of the continental United States, CAP supports the Joint Rescue Coordination Centers in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Just how effective are the CAP missions? More than 100 people are saved every year by CAP members!



A CAP Cadet using Direction Finding during a training exercise.

**Disaster Relief:** Often overlooked but vitally important is the role CAP plays in disaster relief operations. CAP provides air and ground transportation, and an extensive communications network. They fly disaster relief officials to remote locations, and support local, state and national disaster relief organizations. This support includes aerial reconnaissance, manpower, leadership and other valuable and needed resources.

In Minnesota, CAP supported flood relief efforts in 1997 and 2001 and disaster relief and rescue operations following the Boundary Waters storm of 1999 and many others

In fact, CAP has formal agreements with many government and humanitarian relief agencies such as: the American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, and the United States Coast Guard.



CAP members filling sand bags during the 2001 floods at St. Paul Downtown Airport.

"Civil Air Patrol was absolutely critical to our operations and containment - and most important, safety - those first two days..."

**Steve Barkley**  
**Region Vice President of Operations**  
**Union Pacific**  
**After the Eunice, Louisiana train**  
**derailment**

**Humanitarian Services:** Closely related to disaster relief is CAP's support of humanitarian missions. Usually in support of the Red Cross, CAP air crews transport time-sensitive medical materials including blood and human tissue in

situations where other means of transportation are not possible.



CAP members learning how to safely transport an injured victim from a crash site.

**Air Force Support:** It's hardly surprising that CAP performs several missions in direct support of the U.S. Air Force. Specifically, CAP conducts damage assessment, radiological monitoring, light transport, communications support, and low-altitude route surveys.

Joint U.S. Air Force and CAP exercises sharpen the skills of all participants. They offer realistic training for serious missions like the video support we provided at the World Trade Center.

**Counterdrugs:** CAP joined the "war on drugs" in 1986 when CAP signed an agreement with the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Customs Service. This agreement offered CAP resources to be used to stem the flow of drugs into and within the United States. Today, the CAP has similar agreements with the Drug Enforcement

Administration and the U.S. Forest Service.

CAP has made major contributions to the counterdrug fight by providing aerial reconnaissance, airborne communication support, and airlift of law enforcement personnel. In 2000 alone, CAP assisted in the confiscation or eradication of billions of dollars in illegal drugs.



CAP assisted with Security and Recovery operations after a tornado hit Lake Elmo Airport in 2001.

We need your help. President Bush has sounded the call for volunteers to help in America's Homeland Defense. Civil Air Patrol is ready to respond.

We need pilots, observers, communicators, Ham Radio operators, trainers, search and rescue team members, support staff and most importantly we need you!

Civil Air Patrol's talents have augmented the Air Force (prior to 1946 the US Army Air Forces) in search and rescue (SAR) and disaster relief/disaster preparedness since CAP's formation in 1941. The

emergency services' primary mission objective is to save lives and relieve human suffering.

To be effective, the lives of CAP personnel performing the mission must be safeguarded. CAP demands professionalism in organization, training, and mission execution to accomplish this service.

If you are interested in helping Minnesota Wing in accomplishing its Emergency Services missions you can contact us and we will refer you to the nearest unit.

### **Minnesota Wing, Civil Air Patrol Performing Missions for America!**

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