

FY 2018 Annual Safety Survey

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Group/Wing/Region: Group 1/Florida/SER

Commander's Name: Lt Col Eric Haertel

1. What type of squadron are you, and how many members are in your squadron? How many senior members? How many cadets?

The group has six composite squadrons and one senior squadron with a total of 192 Seniors and 104 Cadets in seven squadrons

2. As the primary squadron safety officer, how many assistant safety officers do you have?

One squadron in our group has only one safety officer; all others have at least one assistant. Ensuring a safety officer is available for briefs, planning meetings and mishap investigations is important.

Group 1 will work to have all squadrons have at least one assistant safety officer and the personnel in these positions are available to perform their duties.

3. What does your squadron do to make sure all your members understand and use risk management in all CAP activities? Is there specific training on how to use risk management in your squadron activities? Please describe.

The group conducts monthly safety meetings where RM is discussed, annual RM training is conducted, mock scenarios are performed and RM is briefed and used during flight and ground activities.

4. What additional training do you think your members need to help them understand how to actively use risk management during CAP activities?

Most of the squadrons feel the training is adequate. One mentioned more specific concentration of hazards rather than generalizations. Another squadron mentions creating a CAP manual to cover RM like the Air Force's instruction 90-802 so people can look up procedures and terms. Also, it was mentioned to send upper level safety people to the RM Applications and Integration course at Kirtland AFB, NM.

5. Mentoring. As a squadron safety officer, who do you look to as your safety or risk management mentor? How did you learn about your job as a squadron safety officer, and how could that be improved?

Answers varied from self-taught to previous safety people as mentors. Two mention being previous safety officers in the military.

6. Staff Visits. As a squadron safety officer, did you receive a staff visit from a wing director of safety or assistant director of safety to assist you in identifying and solving safety problems? Describe the type of help you received.

None of our squadrons recall having a staff visit this year.

7. Did you make any improvements to your squadron safety or risk management programs this year? New initiatives or programs? What were they and how well did they work?

Most squadrons didn't mention anything new they had implemented. One squadron mentioned transitioning to hazard identification to be proactive and prevent mishaps from occurring.

8. Specialty Track. As the squadron safety officer, are you enrolled in the Safety Specialty Track? If so, what rating have you achieved? What areas would you like to see emphasized more in the Safety Specialty Track?

Answers on this question varied from just beginning their training all the way to one with a master rating.

Group 1 needs to work to ensure the primary safety officer has at least the technician rating; we will strive to ensure personnel are getting their training.

9. As safety officer, were you involved in the planning of squadron events and activities? Do you help the event planners understand how important it is for them to use risk management in their planning, or do they expect you to do the risk management yourself? Does risk management continue during the event or is it complete when the planning is done?

All the squadron safety officers stated they are involved in the planning of events. Risk management is conducted corporately with the safety officer having input. They are also at the event to ensure the process continues.

10. Before you fill out this survey, talk to your Squadron Commander. Discuss these questions with your fellow members for your monthly safety topic. Then tell us what changes you'd like to see, what help you need, or what training and tools would help you do your job. Thanks!

Answers three changes mentioned are paraphrased below:

1. Change the safety currency report to the 30 day currency instead of monthly. For squadrons with safety meeting at the end of the month, the report shows them yellow a couple days after receiving a safety brief.
2. Put some leverage back into 62-1 to pressure individuals to maintain currency. With just the commanders ensuring currency it doesn't seem to be working as well as when people couldn't participate in activities without safety currency.
3. Desire the Beacon come out earlier in the month so our meeting which occurs on the first Thursday of the month can use the latest edition.