



Emergency Services

Emergency Services (ES) is one of the three CAP missions. Interested senior members and cadets participate in training (online, classroom and field exercises) to prepare to respond to missions. These missions include search and rescue efforts and disaster relief. AACS participates in the ES mission by providing regular training opportunities and transportation for CAP members participating in missions. Both senior members and cadets are encouraged to participate. Our ES Mission includes:

Search and Rescue

Perhaps best known for its search-and-rescue efforts, CAP flies more than 85 percent of all federal inland search-and-rescue missions directed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Tyndall Air Force Base, FL. Outside the continental United States, CAP supports the Joint Rescue Coordination Centers in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Just how effective are the CAP missions? Nearly 100 people are saved each year by CAP members.

Disaster Relief

Another important service CAP performs is disaster-relief operations. CAP provides air and ground transportation and an extensive communications network. Volunteer members fly disaster-relief officials to remote locations and provide manpower and leadership to local, state and national disaster-relief organizations. CAP has formal agreements with many government and humanitarian relief agencies including the American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, National Transportation Safety Board and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Humanitarian Services

CAP flies humanitarian missions, usually in support of the Red Cross-transporting time-sensitive medical materials including blood and human tissue, in situations where other means of transportation are not available.

Air Force Support

It's hardly surprising that CAP performs several missions in direct support of the U.S. Air Force. Specifically, CAP conducts light transport, communications support, and low-altitude route surveys. CAP also provides orientation flights for AFROTC cadets. Joint U.S. Air Force and CAP search-and-rescue exercises provide realistic training for missions.

Counterdrug

CAP joined the "war on drugs" in 1986 when, pursuant to congressional authorization, CAP signed an agreement with the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Customs Service offering CAP resources to help stem the flow of drugs into and within the United States.

Civil Air Patrol members are trained to accomplish Emergency Services missions with speed and efficiency and without compromising the safety of the members themselves. A search and rescue mission is always a serious and critical task that requires good organization and safety. The CAP Emergency Communications Network extends nationwide with data and voice networks established to survive the loss of civil communications. With one of the most sophisticated communications networks in the nation, CAP consistently supports local, state, and federal agencies during disaster relief, search and rescue and many other emergencies.