



**March 2010 Safety Newsletter**  
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**Changes are coming** – The long awaited changes to the National Safety Program will soon be upon us. Here is a update to what changes are coming to the program. We are going to see the Safety Reporting module on WMU shift over to e-Services and also the automatic record keeping of those members who perform their monthly safety briefing and test on line. National will have available to members a monthly safety briefing with a test that will be recorded in the members records and will be the authorization to participate in CAP events. Bear in mind that the National requirement of a face to face meeting once every 90 days is still required. Members not meeting that requirement every 90 days are prohibited from participation in any CAP activity unless that member will receive a documented face to face safety briefing by a qualified safety officer at the CAP activity before performing any duty.

Pa Wing was chosen to be part of the Beta testing of the first stage of this new program. In effect, we were just testing to see if the program performed well for the members who will use the program and look for any errors in the program. The wings participating in the beta test range looked over and made many suggestions to National to help make the program do what we need the program do for the members in the field. The next part of the test should begin in early April with the corrections and changes that the beta testers made being utilized. More to come on this matter.

**Suggestions** – The Sentinel has a segment dedicated to suggestions made by members. I'm very happy to report that I have seen several of our members making suggestions. Keep up the good work, not only is your name mentioned, but so is the unit. It is easy to do, just go to e-services and on the left side is an area for suggestions.

**Aircraft Ground Handling Video Training Requirement** – All members involved with or touching an aircraft must do this. A major trend has been identified concerning the operation of our aircraft. This trend is the damaging of our aircraft when on the ground either by taxiing or moving the aircraft on the ground. Hitting other objects has with our aircraft resulted in a very good video professional produced that aids our members the ground handling of our aircraft. This

requirement is required for all members that handle the aircraft in any way. The video takes 13 minutes to view followed by a short 10 question test. Successful completion of the test will automatically be indicated on the member's record. It is recommended that all persons complete this training. Recurrent training will be required to be completed by 30 Sep of each following year. This video should raise the awareness level of all members that come into any contact with aircraft.

**Monthly Safety Meeting Reports** – Remember to conduct and record your unit monthly safety meetings.

**Safety Tip** – Birds are looking for a nice nesting place, make sure your aircraft is not their new home.

**Safety Courses** – The Basic, Senior and Master Safety Courses are on line. Many of our members (not just safety officers and commanders) have taken the courses. These courses are very informative and do not take a long time to take. After successful completion of the test you will be able to print a certificate and your records will automatically be updated to show the course. Note, if you have Commander or Director in your title or a Safety Officer and assistants you must take both the basic and senior safety courses. It is required that all members take the Basic Course. It is highly recommended that the Master Safety course be taken also.

**Where do I find these Safety and ORM Course?** Go to <http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com> click on Members, then click on Safety (left side), and then for the Safety Course click on Safety Courses, test is on the bottom of the list. For the ORM Course, click on the ORM and chose the ORM Course desired. Test is on the bottom. For the Aircraft Handling Video, go to the Safety Page (the one with the picture of the National Director) and scroll down to the bottom. It will be on the right side.

**A host of Web resources to make you a safer pilot**



For those unit safety officers looking for alternate means for pilots who miss their monthly safety meetings, try these from AOPA ASF.

**The Sentinel** – The National CAP Safety Newsletter for can be downloaded from <http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com> Be sure to download and print it and place on your Safety Bulletin Board next to the PA Wing and Unit Safety Information.