



# THE MARYLAND WING SAFETY MONTHLY



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## The Safety Way

I have good news for you...even a word of encouragement. Volunteering is good for your mental health. The August Dispatch said that according to Dr. Susan Whitbourne, the psychological concept of generativity, or quality of concern for others beyond yourself and family (and even beyond your lifetime), is an important part of mental wellbeing. One of the ways generativity shows up in practice is in passing knowledge and experience to others, something many of us do in CAP every day. This action is an act of generosity that helps you as much as those you help. It is important for us to care for our mental health along with our physical bodies. That is The **Safety Way**.

### PILOT'S CORNER

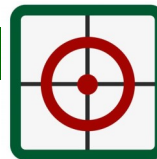


Every pilot knows, or should know, that aircraft accidents are usually a combination of factors. We also know that when the factors begin to build the operation needs to be stopped, if possible, or the factors eliminated. The below photo is of an Alaska Airlines 737-800 that faced a number of factors that, working together, severely damaged this aircraft and could have resulted in loss of life. Among the factors that faced those pilots were a required high approach speed, a short runway, gusty wind conditions, a strong crosswind component, apparent wind shear, and the necessity for a special landing technique, and a failed internal component unknown to the crew, resulting in a landing mishap. As you can see, the landing gear was driven up through the wing. **Evaluate your situation carefully and abort the operation when factors begin to build against you.**



**FLY AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT.**

### SAFETY AIM



To Our Safety Officers: the need for Resilience is essential to everyone's health and wellbeing, and CAP's Chaplain Corps has asked for our help getting the word out. Here's how you can help. Encourage unit members to attend the monthly safety education meeting and be sure to "Log Safety Education" using the CAPSIS menu at <https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.SafetyMMS.Web/Modules/Reports.aspx>.



### CAPR 160-1 IN FOCUS

160-1 1.5. Safety Culture. A strong RM-based safety culture provides a foundation for the success of the Civil Air Patrol SMS and requires an informed and involved membership. Members must be confident in their own role as contributor to, and beneficiary of, the success of the SMS.



### CADET CORNER



"That could be you, cadet." I hope someone has said that to you. If not, I am saying it now. Civil Air Patrol has a phenomenal offer to let cadets learn to fly. I suggest taking full advantage of all of your O-Rides and get comfortable with the airplane. And then if it fits your goals, pursue this achievement with full energy. But always remember, flying requires a very high regard for safety. Be *very* conservative and *very* diligent.



### WISDOM

Wisdom is an observer. It takes in and evaluates. You can have great success in life by evaluating the mistakes and safety errors others make then avoiding them yourself.



### THE SAFETY DICTIONARY

**OBSERVE**— to see, watch, perceive, or notice. To regard with attention, especially so as to see or learn something.

### MARYLAND WING ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 27th—29th - Don't miss this opportunity for safety learning and comradery.

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The Maryland Wing CAPF 160 Library is was opened for business last month. We began with five examples and a READ ME file available for your convenience, but more examples have and an updated READ ME file will be added. You can find this ready reference at:

<https://mdwg.cap.gov/staff-sections/safety>



It is up to us to teach proper safety behavior.

## Curiosity

Be willing to learn and seek to understand by asking questions

## Cooperation

Work together to improve operational and safety outcomes

## Openness

Share information and feedback that helps members grow and improve

## Reflection

Ask, "What worked? What didn't work? What could we improve?"

## Assertiveness

Speak up when something isn't right; don't wait for someone else to do it



## YOU'VE GOT CAP MAIL



For communications safety, please use official CAP mail for CAP-related correspondence.

## IT'S DARK OUT THERE

As we all know, CAP can be called upon to serve at anytime. Consequently, some of our activities are done at night. Darkness by nature presents additional hazards not experienced in the daytime - not the least of which is reduced visibility. For added safety, consider reflective vests a minimum and include the addition of radios and flashlights.

## BE PROACTIVE



## REPORT HAZARDS!

## DO NOT ENTER

Don't enter the fall season without providing your squadron training on seasonal hazards. They include, but are not limited to, slick roads, colder temperatures, windchill, strong winds, fog, and so on.



## SAFETY IN THE MOVIES



In the movie THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER, the Soviets were trying to prevent the defection of their most modern and capable submarine. In

the process, another Soviet sub led by Captain Tupolev fired upon the Red October but was too close for their torpedoes to detonate. So the Captain of the attacking sub ordered that the proximity safeties of his torpedoes be removed. It was a fatal error. One torpedo made a 180 degree turn and sank Captain Tupolev's boat.



Removing safety from any situation will come back to sink you.



EXPIRED

In my private email today I received an oil change coupon for 10% off. It arrived at 3:39 PM and expires at midnight. Really!? If they had planned properly I could have taken advantage of that later in the week. They did not plan properly and lost out of a sale. Safety is that way. Plan your events well in advance and plan them around safety principles so all participants will be ready and have the best chance for success.