



FACT SHEET



HISTORY OF CAP

In December 1941, one week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Civil Air Patrol was founded by more than 150,000 citizens who were concerned about the defense of America's coastline.

Under the jurisdiction of the Army Air Forces, CAP pilots flew more than 500,000 hours performing a wide variety of duties.

On July 1, 1946, President Harry Truman established CAP as a federally chartered nonprofit corporation, and Congress passed a law on May 26, 1948, designating CAP as the Air Force auxiliary and giving CAP three primary missions — emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education.

CIVIL AIR PATROL

- Is congressionally chartered and operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.
- Performs services for the federal government as the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and for states/local communities as a nonprofit organization.
- Offers opportunities for members to serve communities, participate in leadership development training and acquire new skills that benefit personal and professional growth.

MICHIGAN WING

- Includes eight geographic groups and 40 squadrons within the Wing.
- Consists of 1,439 volunteer youth and adult members statewide.
- Has more than 100+ aircrew members, 130+ ground team members, and 40+ mission base staff members all trained to FEMA standards.
- Operates a fleet of 12 single-engine piston aircraft.
- Maintains a fleet of 20 emergency service vehicles for training and mission support.
- Maintains an extensive VHF and HF communications network.

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

- Provide search and rescue as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.
- Provides disaster relief support to local, state and national agencies.
- Provide an augment of incident command staff members.
- Assists federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the war on drugs.
- Provide aerial imaging.
- Transports time-sensitive medical materials, blood products and body tissues.

REQUESTING CIVIL AIR PATROL

The CAP has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Michigan State Police. Requests for Civil Air Patrol need to go through the Michigan State Police's Intelligence Operation Center, MIOC @ 1-517-241-8000

For Search And Rescue (SAR) / Life-Saving Missions (ELT/EPIRB, missing person searches, emergency blood, organ & tissue transport)	For All Other Mission Requests (immediate response missions to prevent human, suffering or to mitigate great property damage as well as "routine" missions)
AFRCC (Air Force Rescue Coordination Center) (800) 851-3051	CAP NOC (National Operations Center) (888) 211-1812

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