

**Mission #: 09-T-5581    EXERCISE MISSION CLOSED**

**Dates:** 15-17 May 2009

**Base:** Decatur Airport (DEC) Decatur, Illinois

**Purpose:** **TRAINING EXERCISE:** Practice coordination of airborne search/recon, ground search, communications and administrative functions using simulated Search & Rescue and Disaster Relief mission scenarios.

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**Message 011: 17 MAY 09 1445 CDT**

Training exercise IO, Lt. Col. Paul Hertel, reported that the practice mission has wound down and will officially close when a ground team returns from field ops. Training exercise Incident Commander, Lt. Col. Rick Oeth said, "overall we did rather well in accomplishing our goals. In particular, we managed to refine some inter-base communications issues." He went on to say that the mission was supported by CAP volunteers from across the Wing.

Final totals for the day are:

Air sorties: 9

Ground sorties: 3



1st. Lt. John Stys, Capt. Rod Rakic, and 2d. Lt. Stewart Orlin move an aircraft in position for tie down



C/Amn Jake Bass and C/A1C Riley Elsa perform Direction Finding equipment checks before deployment  
Photos: Lt. Col. Paul Hertel

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**Message 010: 17 MAY 09 1045 CDT**

Training exercise continues to prosecute Day 1 mission scenarios. Photo recon of actual storm damage scrubbed due to equipment problems. Mission scheduled to close at 1200 CDT. Personnel for today includes:

Total mission personnel: 33

--Aircrew members: 12  
--Ground team members: 6  
--Mission base staff: 15  
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**Message 009: 17 MAY 09 1000 CDT (Day 2)**

DEC Weather brief:

*Aviation Routine Weather Report*

METAR KDEC 171354Z 05007KT 10SM CLR 11/02 A3040 RMK AO2 SLP295 T01110017

*Terminal Area Forecast*

ID: KDEC Decatur Airport, IL REPORT TIME: 17 11:22 VALID TIME: 17 May AT 12:00Z to 18 May AT 12:00Z. INITIAL WX WINDS: 360 AT 7 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: CLEAR NEW WX STARTING: 09:00Z WINDS: 120 AT 5 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: 250 SCT

Weather Link: <http://illiniweather.com/cities/decatu.htm>

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**Message 008: 16 MAY 09 2215 CDT**

Mission suspended -- end of day report:

Air sorties: 4 -- weather was a limiting factor

Ground sorties: 5 -- a couple of these were lengthy

Total mission personnel: 37

--Aircrew members: 11

--Ground team members: 8|

--Mission base staff: 18



Air Crew Ready Capt. Mike Leone and crew ready to start engine and taxi for departure



Com Ops Maj. Jim Bartel make an entry into the log while listening to a transmission. 1st. Lt. Steve Mamgren copies message to take to operations.

Photos: Lt. Col. Paul Hertel

**Plan for Sunday 17 MAY 09:**

1. Continue search of simulated overdue aircraft/ ELT, following up clues, narrowing search to higher probability of detection areas.
2. Damage assessment of simulated earthquake
3. Real world photo mission of storm damage cities of Herron and Marion for Williamson County EMA.
4. Spontaneous ground sorties.

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**Message 007: 16 MAY 09 1340 CDT**

DEC Weather brief:

*Aviation Routine Weather Report*

METAR KDEC 161754Z 32016G25KT 10SM CLR 14/08 A3016 RMK AO2 PK WND 31027/1743 SLP211 60001 T01440083 10172 20128 51029

*Terminal Area Forecast*

ID: KDEC Decatur Airport, IL REPORT TIME: 16 17:26 VALID TIME: 16 May AT 18:00Z to 17 May AT 18:00Z. INITIAL WX WINDS: 320 AT 16 GUST 25 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: 20 SCT CLOUDS: 250 BKN NEW WX STARTING: 01:00Z WINDS: 340 AT 7 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: CLEAR NEW WX STARTING: 13:00Z WINDS: 30 AT 8 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: CLEAR COMMENTS: =

Weather link: <http://illiniweather.com/cities/decatour.htm>

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**Message 006: 16 MAY 09 1100 CDT**

The following message was sent to the IL Wing's REDCAP and broadcast email lists @ 1050 CDT:

**16 MAY 09 1050 CDT**

**09-T-5581**

**MSN IC REQUESTS ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR SAR/DR TNG MSN @ DECATUR ARPT (DEC). MSN QUAL AIR, GROUND & ADMIN CONTACT MSN BASE @ 630-244-0584.**



Mission Check-in C/A1C Grace Smith, Capt. Nina Rossini, C/SrA Clint Deroze, Springfield Composite Squadron, sitting, Mission Staff Assistant, C/SrA Sarah Goldman, Lewis Composite Squadron



Morning FLOP Lt. Col. Al Reynonso makes point to mission base staff members, from clockwise, Maj. Brian Cramer, Lt. Col. Fred Hershalman, Lt. Col. Rick Gale, Chaplain Maj. Mike Marshall, Lt. Col. Rick Oeth, 1st. Lt. Steve Malmgren, Lt. Col. Al Reynoso, Maj. Bob Taylor

Photos: Lt. Col. Paul Hertel

Note: FLOP (Finance, Logistics, Operations, Planning)

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**Message 005: 16 MAY 09 0022 CDT**



Photo: Pre Mission planning getting sorties ready to go first thing in the morning Incident Commander Lt. Col. Oeth seated, discusses a sortie with Capt. Steve Goetz, Commander of Williamson County Composite Squadron  
Photo: Lt. Col. Paul Hertel

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**Message 004: 15 MAY 09 2209 CDT**

Sorties scheduled for tomorrow: [16 MAY 09]

#1 Air: Northbound from Alton

#2 Air: Southbound from Midway

#3 Air: Highbird from DuPage

#4 Air: Photo Recon from Marion

#5 Ground Team: to Fairview Park, Decatur for missing person search.

Lt. Col. Hertel

Information Officer

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**Message 003: 15 MAY 09 2107 CDT**

Practice mission scenarios that are in the planning section right now are:

1. Missing Person Search.

2. ELT search possibly caused by overdue aircraft.

3. Actual tasking for Photo Recon for actual storm damage in Williamson and Jackson counties. Tasked by Williamson County EMA

Lt. Col. Hertel

Information Officer

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**Message 002: 15 MAY 09 0059Z**

TO: All members IL Wing via broadcast email

If you are driving down (up) to Decatur for this weekends training mission and have not requested a inbound sortie number **DO IT ASAP**. Send requests to [resources@ilwg.cap.gov](mailto:resources@ilwg.cap.gov) . I need to complete the sorties tonight I will not have access to a computer during the day to check my e-mail until I arrive in Decatur at 2100 hrs.

Robert Taylor, MAJ/CAP

Mission Resource Unit Leader

Illinois Wing Emergency Services Officer

847-606-6884

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**Message 001: 12 MAY 09 0014Z**

ALCON: (via IL Wing broadcast email list)

If you are attending training mission in Decatur this weekend (May 16-17) and driving in please send your inbound sortie request to [resources@ilwg.cap.gov](mailto:resources@ilwg.cap.gov) .

In subject box enter **Sortie Request (Last Name)**.

Please provide the following information:

Name/Grade:

CAPID:

Unit #:

Vehicle Type:

License Plate #:

Cell #:

EST DPT (date & time):

EST ARV (date & time):

Departing Loc (city):

Please log your beginning and ending mileage to give to RUL when checking in.

Others on board name & ID #:

Cadet(s) only: Are you traveling with senior member? Yes or No

Cadets only: Unit CC name:

Cadets traveling unsupervised to mission base will check in with Resource Unit Leader upon arrival even on Friday night at 847-606-6884

Thank You.

Robert Taylor, MAJ/CAP

Mission Resource Unit Leader

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