

Mission #: 09-T-5752 SAR/DR EVALUATED EXERCISE MISSION

Dates: 29-31 May 2009

Base: Decatur Airport (DEC) Decatur, Illinois

Purpose: TRAINING EXERCISE: Biennial CAP-USAF/GLLR evaluated training mission 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 019 01 JUN 09 0201 CDT (After Action)

TO: All members participating in this weekend's Evaluated Mission:

I would like to thank you for participating in the mission, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated and directly contributed to our receiving an Excellent!

For all those with expenses that are eligible for reimbursement, please read the attached document for more details about the system we have in place to speed reimbursements to you.

Reimbursement is primarily for personal vehicle fuel for your trip to and from the mission. You must have requested and received a sortie number, please include this sortie number on your 108 if you can.

Items other than fuel generally are not eligible for reimbursement, if you have questions as to whether your other expenses are eligible, please feel free to contact me. Examples of expenses not eligible for reimbursement:

-- Food

-- Hotel rooms

-- Expenses related to use of personal aircraft to and from the mission

-- Expenses for vehicles outside of the average size and efficiencies expected (should be about the cost to operate either CAP vehicles or personal auto's) no buses or semi's please.

With warm regards,

Finance Section Chief/Mission 09-T-5752

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Message 018 31 MAY 09 1600 CDT

CAP-USAF GLR Liaison Region Evaluated Mission Grading:

Outstanding

Excellent

Satisfactory

Marginal

Unsatisfactory

Communications received a special mention regarding its effective use of cadet personnel and quick response in disseminating information.

The Information Officer was noted for having prepared and presented a written in-brief, and for using mission checklists.

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Message 017 31 MAY 09 1520 CDT
EXCELLENT!! EXCELLENT!! EXCELLENT!

What can I say except THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all members of the IL Wing, and especially to those you took the time to come to the practice missions and the actual eval, THANK YOU! Your dedication, sacrifice and hard work once again prevailed against all odds and anointed the wing with an Excellent Rating from the CAP-USAF Great Lakes Liaison Region. This is the second eval where we have received the Excellent rating. I am so proud of each and every member of the wing, and it is an honor to be your wing commander. This e-mail would go on forever if I mentioned everyone who had a significant role. So to the WHOLE SENIOR Team -- Thank You. I have to say to Maj. Templeton and Lt. Col. Oeth, your leadership was paramount. However, they could not have done it without the support of the staff players doing their assigned tasks in a professional and competent manner. The Staff could not have accomplished their tasks without the support and dedication of the volunteers who came to work. Teamwork got us through, and teamwork will get us through again. Thank you one and all for all the hard work. Please take a moment to pat yourself on the back for a job well done!

Col. Gordon Larson, CAP
Illinois Wing Commander
Message 016 31 MAY 09 1415 CDT

Click on the link below to read news coverage of the Illinois Wing SAR/DR evaluated mission in the Decatur Herald and Review:

<http://www.herald-review.com/articles/2009/05/31/news/local/1041530.txt>

There was a five minute clip on WAND TV, but it does not appear on their website as of now:

<http://wandtv.com>

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Message 015 31 MAY 09 0830 CDT (Day 3)
Local DEC Weather:
<http://illiniweather.com/cities/decaturn.htm>

METAR Aviation Routine Weather Report 1254Z
METAR KDEC 311254Z 35004KT 10SM CLR 16/07 A3003 RMK AO2 SLP164 T01610067

Terminal Area Forecast 1254Z

ID: KDEC Decatur Airport, IL REPORT TIME: 31 11:25 VALID TIME: 31 May AT 12:00Z to 1 May AT 12:00Z. INITIAL WX WINDS: 360 AT 5 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: CLEAR NEW WX STARTING: 16:00Z WIND: VARIABLE AT 5 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: CLEAR NEW WX STARTING: 21:00Z WINDS: 180 AT 9 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: CLEAR NEW WX STARTING: 07:00Z WINDS: 170 AT 12 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: 250 SCT

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Message 014 30 MAY 09 2315 CDT

Here are the mission statistics for Saturday 20 MAY 09 reported by Lt. Col. Paul Hertel:

16 Air Sorties
TBD Flight Hours
6 Ground sorties
105 personnel present

In addition to the GLR CC and CV, GLR Director of Operations, Lt. Col. Alice Noble and Emergency Services Officer, Lt. Col. Carol Heeringa attended the exercise.

Tasking Status: as of 30 MAY 09 1700 CDT

1001 Flood Relief -- Complete
1002 Photo Recon Sorties -- On Hold until Sunday
1003 Flood Relief -- Complete
1004 Highbird -- Resumes Sunday
1005 Medical Transport -- Complete
1006 ELT Search North -- Complete
1007 ELT Search South -- Complete
1008 Missing Hiker -- Complete Mr. Martin Mulligan, Diabetic, No medication, 3 Ground Teams.
Reported sighting on a North trail of Weldon State Park
1009 Overdue Aircraft -- Complete -- C182, N12345, Departed Shelbyville at 0730L to Logan County
1010 Overdue Helicopter -- Suspended and Closed -- ARCHER search exercise

Illinois Wing Members will be back at it Sunday morning. The mission briefing will be at 0800. Ground and air sorties will be generated immediately after the briefing. On Saturday, WAND TV Channel 17, Decatur, aired a 5 minute TV news spot featuring Illinois Wing members and the evaluated mission.

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Message 013 30 MAY 09 1630 CDT
Details on two of the mission scenarios:
by: Lt. Col. Paul Hertel

The Civil Air Patrol, is searching for an overdue Cessna 182 aircraft. The aircraft took off from Shelbyville going to Logan County airport. The aircraft is painted silver with white trim. The aircraft registration number is N12345 and there is one person on board. If anyone has possible sightings or knowledge of this aircraft please call the Civil Air Patrol at 630-631-7182

The Civil Air Patrol is also searching for a missing person in Weldon Springs, State Park. Mr. Mulligan was reported missing this morning Mr. Mulligan is a diabetic and left without his medication. He is 58 years old wearing grey pants, blue ball cap. He drives a 2002 blue Ford Explorer. If anyone has possible sightings or knowledge of Mr. Mulligan's whereabouts please call the Civil Air Patrol at 630-631-7182

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Message 012 30 MAY 09 1410 CDT
TO: ALL MEMBERS ILLINOIS WING

Lt. Col. Paul Hertel, MIO, reports that as of 1230 CDT the evaluation mission has launched 12 air and four ground sorties. The number of attendees has been revised to approximately 100 people. Seven Wing aircraft and four ground teams are on hand to prosecute various simulated taskings.

Reporters, and photographers, from WAND TV and the Decatur Herald & Review spent time at the mission base this morning. They plan to cover today's events on this evening's news broadcast and tomorrow's newspaper. Click on the highlighted links to view their reports.

In addition to CAP personnel, there are eight CAP-USAF evaluators, and special VIP guests including the GLR Commander, Col. Chuck Carr, and GLR Vice Commander, Col. Bob Karton. Illinois Wing

Commander, Col. Gordy Larson, is also present and working as a part of the mission team. More information to follow by mid-evening.

Tasking Status: 30 May 2009 12:30 CDT

1001 Flood Relief -- Complete
1002 Photos Sorties -- On Hold
1003 Flood Relief -- Complete
1004 Highbird -- On Going
1005 Medical Transport -- Complete
1006 ELT Search North -- In Progress
1007 ELT Search South -- In Progress
1008 Missing Hiker -- In Progress -- Subject: Mr Marty Mulligan, Diabetic, no medication -- three Ground Teams.
1009 Over Due Aircraft -- In Progress -- C-182 N12345, Dep Shelbyville at 0730L to Logan County.
1010 Over Due Helicopter -- In Progress -- ARCHER GA-8 Mission

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Message 011 30 MAY 09 0822 CDT (Day 2)

So far three air and one ground sorties have launched with damage assessment taskings and aerial reconnaissance missions. Mission planners and CAP-USAF have scheduled the morning in-brief for 0830 CDT. Several members of the local press are still expected to visit the base. Latest head count of participants is 120. Some isolated thunderstorms threaten, but should not be a major problem.

Local DEC Weather:

<http://illiniweather.com/cities/decaturn.htm>

AVIATION WX UPDATE:

METAR Aviation Routine Weather Report 1254Z

METAR KDEC 301254Z 17006KT 10SM SCT110 17/12 A2990 RMK AO2 SLP121 T01720117

Terminal Area Forecast 1254Z

ID: KDEC Decatur Airport, IL REPORT TIME: 30 11:33 VALID TIME: 30 May AT 12:00Z to 31 May AT

12:00Z. INITIAL WX WINDS: 190 AT 5 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: 100 BKN NEW WX

STARTING: 14:00Z WINDS: 200 AT 7 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES WEATHER: VCTS CLOUDS: 50 SCT

WITH CB CLOUDS: 100 BKN TEMPORARY WX FROM 14Z TO 17Z VISIBILITY: 5.0 MILES WEATHER:

-TSRA CLOUDS: 40 BKN WITH CB NEW WX STARTING: 18:00Z WINDS: 240 AT 12 VISIBILITY: >6.0

MILES WEATHER: VCTS CLOUDS: 50 BKN WITH CB NEW WX STARTING: 21:00Z WINDS: 280 AT 12

GUST 19 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: 50 SCT CLOUDS: 250 BKN NEW WX STARTING: 01:00Z

WINDS: 330 AT 7 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: CLEAR

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Message 010 29 MAY 09 1730 CDT

AVIATION WX UPDATE

METAR Aviation Routine Weather Report 2154Z

METAR KDEC 292154Z 26010KT 10SM FEW047 26/14 A2991 RMK AO2 SLP124 T02560144

Terminal Area Forecast 2154Z

ID: KDEC Decatur Airport, IL REPORT TIME: 29 19:31 VALID TIME: 29 May AT 20:00Z to 30 May AT

18:00Z. INITIAL WX WINDS: 290 AT 6 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: 30 SCT NEW WX STARTING:

21:00Z WINDS: 300 AT 8 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES WEATHER: VCTS CLOUDS: 35 SCT WITH CB

CLOUDS: 100 BKN NEW WX STARTING: 02:00Z WIND: VARIABLE AT 3 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES

CLOUDS: 50 SCT CLOUDS: 100 BKN NEW WX STARTING: 07:00Z WINDS: 90 AT 7 VISIBILITY: >6.0

MILES CLOUDS: 40 SCT CLOUDS: 100 BKN NEW WX STARTING: 11:00Z WINDS: 110 AT 11

VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: 25 SCT CLOUDS: 35 BKN TEMPORARY WX FROM 11Z TO 15Z

VISIBILITY: 5.0 MILES WEATHER: -TSRA CLOUDS: 25 BKN WITH CB

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Message 009 29 MAY 09 1054 CDT

TO: ALL MEMBERS ILLINOIS WING

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PRELIMINARY MISSION NOTIFICATION

The NOC has forwarded the following information.

The State Governor and the POTUS have declared National Disaster Areas for the following counties in ILLINOIS: Mason, Logan, Dewitt, Piate, Champagne, Coles, Douglas, Moultrae and Shelby.

ILWG has been specifically requested to provide the following:

- 1) Set up a mission base for operations in the Decatur area, the location that has been selected is the DEC Airport FBO. The base will be up and operational no later than 19:30 local 29 MAY 2009.
- 2) ILWG is requested to have a minimum of 4 aircraft and crews, and 3 ground teams available for tasking NO Later Than 08:00 Local Saturday 30 MAY 2009.

Additional resources will be utilized.

Please report availability (if you have not already) to resources@ilwg.cap.gov.

Additional Information to follow.

Regards

Maj Eric Templeton

IC - 2009 Eval Team

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Message 007 29 MAY 09 0600 CDT (Day 1)

Decatur Airport (DEC) information:

<http://www.airnav.com/airport/KDEC>

DEC Weather:

<http://illiniweather.com/cities/decatur.htm>

METAR Aviation Routine Weather Report 1054Z

METAR KDEC 291054Z 29004KT 10SM OVC025 16/12 A2993 RMK AO2 SLP133 T01560122

Terminal Area Forecast 1054Z

ID: KDEC Decatur Airport, ILAMENDMENT REPORT TIME: 29 10: 2 VALID TIME: 29 May AT 10:00Z to

30 May AT 06:00Z. INITIAL WX WIND: VARIABLE AT 3 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: 25 BKN

TEMPORARY WX FROM 10Z TO 13Z VISIBILITY: 3.0 MILES WEATHER: BR CLOUDS: 25 SCT NEW

WX STARTING: 13:00Z WINDS: 300 AT 8 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: CLEAR NEW WX

STARTING: 20:00Z WINDS: 310 AT 10 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: 60 SCT NEW WX

STARTING: 01:00Z WIND: VARIABLE AT 3 VISIBILITY: >6.0 MILES CLOUDS: CLEAR

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Message 006 28 MAY 09 1833 CDT

TO: ALL MEMBERS ILLINOIS WING

IL Wing Emergency Services Officer, Maj Bob Taylor emailed an update to me revising the exercise mission personnel count to 115. He speculated that it could reach 125 by the weekend. This will be one of the best supported evaluated missions the wing has ever had. Best of luck to all who will participate.

As of now, one local Decatur TV station has expressed an interest in sending a reporter and film crew to the mission. If anyone sees media representatives, please refer them to the MIO Lt Col Paul Hertel without delay.

Col Joe King

IL Wing PAO

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Message 005 26 MAY 09 1255 CDT

Press Release

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Message 004 25 MAY 09 2133 CDT

ALCON:

I hope every one had a great Memorial Day weekend. We have three days before many of us start traveling to the Mission Base at Decatur, IL.

Last minute reminders:

1. Update your emergency contact info in the WMU and print out 3 CAPF 60. You will need to give one to Resource Unit Leader on check-in.
2. Fill out and print ILWG form 605, again you will need to give this to Resource Unit Leader on check-in.
3. Have your current CAP ID and 101 with you.
4. This is an Air Force Evaluated mission everyone must be in uniform.
5. If you are ground team or UDF qualified, at the minimum have your 24 hour gear (72 hr if bivouacking) and BDU or blue field uniform available.
6. If any cadets are traveling in on Friday night without senior supervision you must check in with the Resource Unit Leader by phone at 847-606-6884.
6. If you are driving to the mission base please request your inbound ground sortie ASAP at resources@ilwg.cap.gov . Please provide the information we requested in e-mail dated 4/21/2009.

Last but not least...Let's not forget that our number one priority is SAFETY...DRIVE SAFE, FLY SAFE... BE SAFE.

Robert Taylor, MAJ/CAP
Mission Resource Unit Leader
Illinois Wing Emergency Services Officer
847-606-6884

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Message 003 23 MAY 09 1120 CDT

Evaluated Mission Resources Unit Leader, Maj. Robert Taylor, posted an email to the IL Wing broadcast email list that contained a roster of members registered to attend the exercise. Due to its length, a .pdf file was created and can be accessed by clicking on: Roster posting

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Message 002 21 MAY 09 1923 CDT

ALCON:

If you are planning on driving to the mission base in Decatur please request a sortie number as soon as you can. The resource unit does not want to be up all night the day before our traveling date entering sorties into WMIRS. If your information changes it is easier to amend or delete sorties. Once you have requested a sortie number do not clog our e-mail with inquiries of what your sortie number is. We will make every attempt to enter sorties by Wednesday May 27, hopefully sooner. Please include the following info when requesting your sortie:

Name/Grade:

CAPID:

Unit #:

Vehicle Type:

Vehicle Color:

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 for your timely response.
Robert Taylor, MAJ/CAP
Mission Resource Unit Leader
Illinois Wing Emergency Services Officer
847-606-6884

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Message 002 21 MAY 09 1901 CDT

ALCON:

I have pasted the names of those ILWG members who have indicated that they will participate in the Eval mission below. I purposely left out job assignments, the IC, Section Chiefs will assign duties based on ES qualifications and the needs of the mission. The intent of pre-registering is to assist the Resource Unit and IC in determining the overall availability. You will not receive a specific invitation to attend, all ES qualified members are invited to attend, that includes GES members (you will work at mission base in a support role but you are needed). The following members have registered their availability:

If you are not on this list please let the resource unit know (resources@ilwg.cap.gov) if you are planning on coming to the mission. Please include the following information:

First and Last Name, CAP ID #, Unit # (ie IL###),

Indicate up to four specialties you are qualified in , in order of preference (ie. GBD, GTL,MRO, MSA),

Indicate up to two specialties you are in training for or requalifying for if any. Dates you are available for.

More info to follow in subsequent e-mails

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Message 001 20 MAY 09 1225 CDT (Preplanning communiqué)

If you plan to participate in the EVAL mission on 5/29-30-31 and have not signed up please do so through the process outlined by Maj. Taylor. I will be the AOB. I am in the process of assigning aircrews to aircraft for the first sorties. Air crew members driving in will be assigned to aircraft throughout the week end. I will be assisting Maj Taylor with his sign up list and assigning crews from there. I will bring some of the aircraft into DEC on Friday for tasking first thing on Saturday morning. Others I will assign a sortie inbound from their home terminal. Don't assume you are flying an aircraft to this mission unless I have assigned you a sortie.

Capt. C.M. Lain
Operations Officer
IL Wing, Civil Air Patrol

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