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Re: Policy Letter, Use of Family Service Radios (FRS) within the CT Wing CAP

There has been some confusion lately regarding the use of the Family Radio Service (FRS) radios within the Civil Air Patrol, and Connecticut Wing. The following letter will serve as the policy for the use of such radios, and when it is no appropriate to use such radio service.

The use of FRS radios is allowed under the following conditions:

1. FRS radios may be employed for fundraiser events. Such would be parking lot duty or communications with the operators for the event.
2. FRS Radios may be used to practice communications that are non-mission in nature.
3. FRS may be used at the encampment for house keeping traffic.

FRS Radios will not be used for the following:

1. Any type of Civil Air Patrol Mission Traffic, real or practice. There is/are security concerns here.
2. Intra mission base communications. Air Ops talking to flight line. Again, this is a security issue.
3. Ground teams communication to the Vehicle. This does not however prevent a ground team member from having an FRS Radio with him. These type of radios have been invaluable from time to time, in locating missing persons who are known to sometimes have such radios. They simply will not be used for mission traffic.
4. Any such traffic that would look bad for the Civil Air Patrol in general.
5. Use of FRS from the Aircraft will be limited to communicating to with parties subject to rescue. I.e., stranded hikers, downed aircraft etc.
6. Any prohibitions that either the Director of Communications, or the Wing Commander Grant at such time.

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