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Search and Rescue Exercise

St. Mary's, KS. – Civil Air Patrol, Kansas Wing, will be conducting a Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) August 5th-7th. The purpose of the exercise is to train flight and ground crews in joint air/ground operations. Also the Mission staff and communications specialists will train and gain proficiency by supporting search and rescue operations. It takes a

Mission base will be located at JMJ Landing, north of St Mary's, Kan., on Hwy 63. Air operations will be conducted out of the Wamego airport.

Schedule of activities:

5 Aug:

1500. Member check in.

1700. The 108th Aviation, Kansas Army National Guard, will provide Civil Air Patrol members orientation rides in.

1700. Air crew mission.

6 Aug:

800-2000

Air and ground team missions: From both JMJ Landing and the Wamego airport.

7 Aug:

800-1200

Air and ground team missions: From both JMJ Landing and the Wamego airport.

For media teams who would like to visit The point of contact for the event:

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Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force, which consists of regular Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, along with Air Force retired military and civilian employees. CAP, in its Total Force role, operates a fleet of 550 aircraft and performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 78 lives annually. Civil Air Patrol's 56,000 members nationwide also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. Its members additionally play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 24,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet program. Performing missions for America for the past 75 years, CAP received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2014 in honor of the heroic efforts of its World War II veterans. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.

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