

Security Directorate Launched to Enhance Mission Preparedness

Civil Air Patrol has established the Security Directorate at National Headquarters to address the evolving demands of its sensitive missions, reflecting the organization's commitment to maintaining the highest standards of security as it supports a wide array of U.S. Air Force and other agency-assigned tasks.

Leading the groundbreaking effort is Lt. Col. Ed Wolff as Security Directorate director and security manager for CAP, with Col Randy Cohen as deputy director. Their specialized team reports directly to Michael Nunemaker, national chief strategy officer/chief programs and missions officer.

The directorate is tasked with working directly with the 42nd Air Base Wing and other federal and military agencies safeguarding CAP's operations in an increasingly complex threat environment.

It's designed to provide comprehensive oversight and guidance in five critical security domains: Operations Security (OPSEC), Communications Security (COMSEC), Information Security (INFOSEC), Personnel Security (PERSEC), and Physical Security (PHYSEC). Each area ensures CAP's personnel, communications, and operational assets remain secure and mission ready.

The directorate is staffed by six highly qualified members, each an industry-recognized expert with decades of real-world experience. In addition to Wolff and Cohen, who also serves as OPSEC manager, the staff consists of:

- Lt. Col. Brian Falvey (COMSEC manager)
- Lt. Col. James C. Hyde (OPSEC compliance),
- Maj. Charles Milam (INFOSEC manager),
- Capt. Sam Hoover (PHYSEC manager)

Their collective expertise spans military, government, and civilian sectors, enabling them to implement best practices and cutting-edge solutions tailored to CAP's unique operational needs.

The new directorate positions Civil Air Patrol to proactively manage the challenges of modern security threats, ensuring the organization continues to excel in its Air Force auxiliary role. As CAP takes on increasingly sensitive and impactful missions, the Security Directorate will serve as a cornerstone of readiness and resilience, supporting the organization's mission to serve America's communities with excellence and reinforcing CAP's role as a trusted and capable force.

Rather than being involved in creating rules CAP has to follow, the directorate exists to help guide the organization through the maze of federal and military requirements for sensitive and classified missions.

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“For CAP members and partners alike, the stand-up of this Directorate represents an exciting step forward, reinforcing CAP's role as a trusted and capable force for the future.