

## Headquarters CONR-AFNORTH (1 AF)









## Air Force Auxiliary Mission Brief For 2008 AF Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (EPLO) Conference

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## **Outline**



- Organization
- The Mission Approval Process
- Platforms / Technology



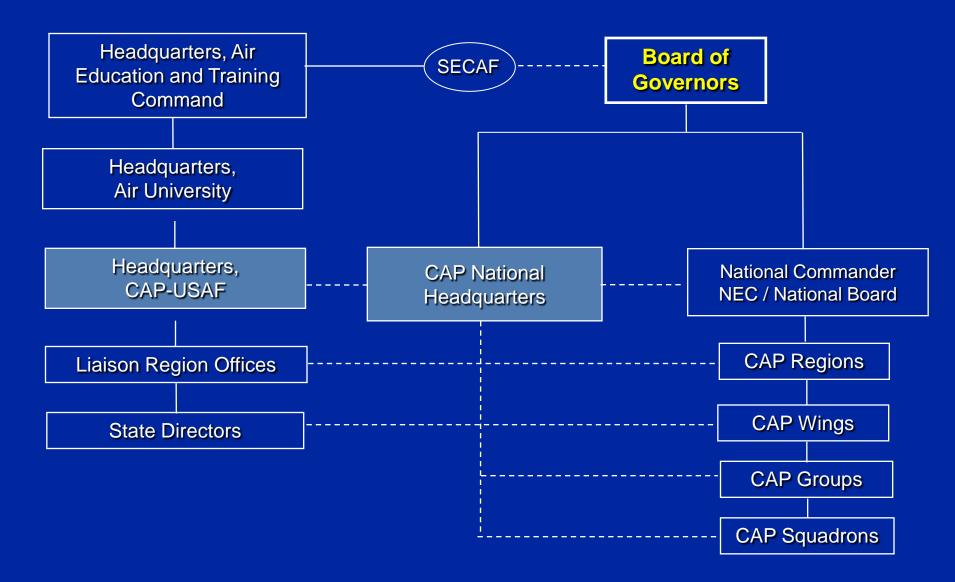






## Organizational Structure

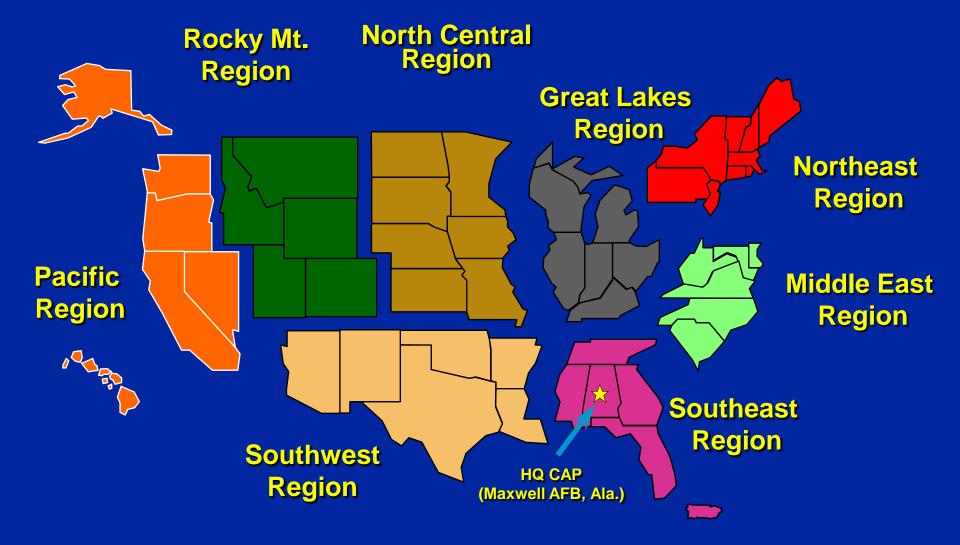






## **Civil Air Patrol Regions**







## **Civil Air Patrol Presence**

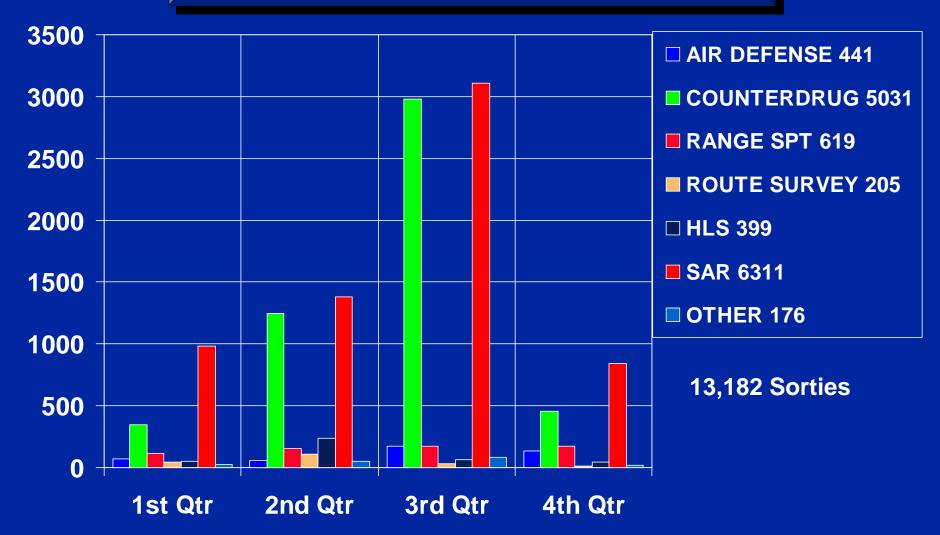






## Calendar Year 07 1st AF Sorties







#### **AFI 10-2701 – AF Auxiliary**



- In Accordance With Air Force Instruction (AFI) 10-2701, 1<sup>st</sup> AF is the mission approval authority for all Air Force assigned missions in the Northern Command (NORTHCOM) Area Of Responsibility (AOR) except:
  - CAP Training flights, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) flights, Cadet Orientation, Ferry Flights – mission approval for these is through CAP-USAF commander
  - Alaska-11<sup>th</sup> AF Commander



### **Civil Support Approval Process**

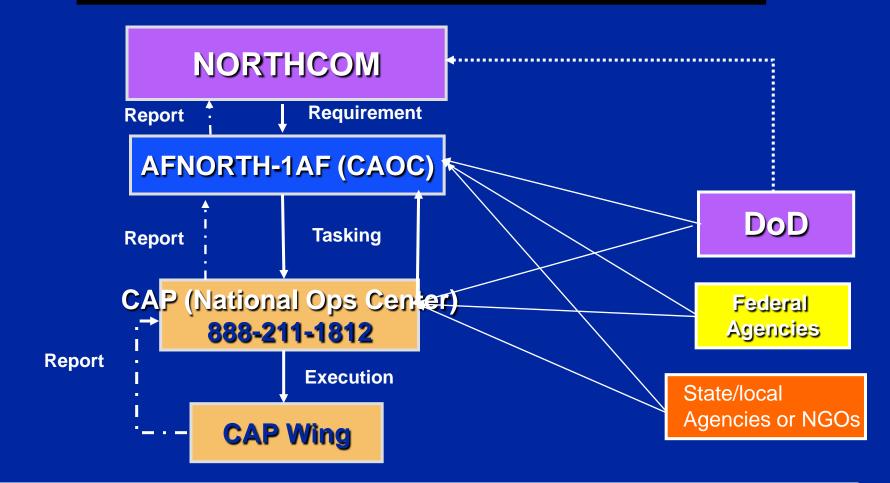


- Department of Defense (DoD) policies that govern coordination and approval of requests for support to civil authorities normally do not apply to the Air Force Auxiliary
- The Secretary of the Air Force (SECAF) designee (1/11<sup>th</sup> CC), may respond directly to civil-support requests, including those involving counter-drug activities, using the services of CAP
- Approval authorities must ensure that CAP missions supporting State/local agencies or Non-Government Organizations (NGO)s as Air Force Assigned Missions (AFAM)s must demonstrate a "federal interest" in the activity
- CAP may only support an agency or department of the Federal government in its capacity as the Air Force Auxiliary



## Request for Air Auxiliary





**CAP ... Remain Under Military Control/Direction ...** 



## The Approval Process



- All Joint Forces Air Component Commander (JFACC) approved missions (Including AF Aux) are published on the CONR/AFNORTH Air Tasking Order (ATO)
- As of 20 Jan 06, all AF Aux missions receiving JFACC approval have been published on Classified ATO.
  - "Public" Unclassified taskings available through CAP run Web based Mission Information and Reporting System (WMIRS)

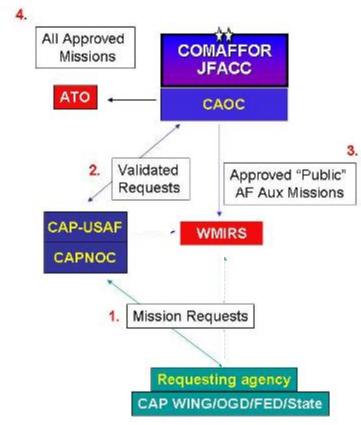


## Day to Day Approval Process



- Day to Day
  - Majority of missions
  - Handled by normal ATO process
  - Requests validated by CAPNOC and CAP- USAF
  - Does CAP have Assets/Legal
  - Approval-at bi-weekly ATO approval brief
  - Approved missions will be
    - Updated on WMIRS
    - Published on Classified ATO
  - Tracked daily via AFNORTH Situation Report (SITREP)
  - Mission closeout responsibility of CAP

#### DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS





### **Immediate Response Requests**



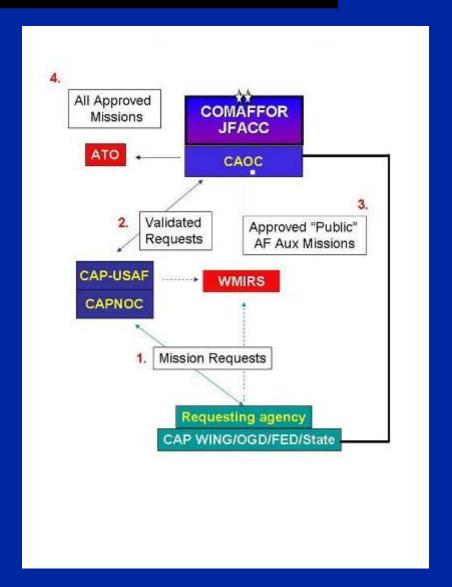
- Immediate response is appropriate when necessary to:
  - Save lives
  - Prevent human suffering
  - Mitigate great property damage under imminently serious conditions
- CAP must receive authorization from the 1AF AFNORTH/CC (Commander) or his/her designee to conduct an immediate response mission



## Civil Support Approval Process



- Mission within ATO execution phase
- Requests validated by:
  - CAP National Operations Center (CAPNOC) and CAP-USAF or
  - AFNORTH Senior Duty Officer (SODO)
- Approval authority is the JFACC or his/her designee at CONR/AFNORTH Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC)
  - Available 24/7 365 Days
- Approved missions will be passed via telcon/e-mail to the NOC/Requester
  - Updated on WMIRS
  - Published on Classified ATO





## **AF AUX Capabilities/Assets**



- Aerial Imaging- Ability to image, transmit and download high resolution digital photos from airborne platforms
- Airborne Visual Reconnaissance- Reconnaissance of isolated locations, border and coastal areas, ports and harbors and critical infrastructure
- Satellite Link Airborne Dynamic Retasking
- Light Air Transport / Air Taxi- Capability for human blood or organs, equipment, passengers, or search dog teams to austere or remote airfields.
- Air and Ground Fleet Availability- Fleet of over 530 aircraft, 940 ground vehicles
- Communications Support- VHF and HF capability and aerial communications relay
- Personnel- Cadre of 650+ Chaplains available for weekly religious services or general support.
- Law Enforcement Support- Ability to take law enforcement or VIP personnel aloft for visual reconnaissance of areas of interest

\*\*\*\*\*Normally can launch within 4 hours



#### **Posse Comitatus Act**



- Cannot:
  - Search
  - Seize
  - Arrest
  - Interrogate
  - Direct Law Enforcement Activities (LEA)



#### **Mission Authorities**



- Law Enforcement Agents (LEA) Transportation Authority:
  - May transport LEA for coordination and support force protection
  - May not transport prisoners or contraband (some exceptions chain of custody)
  - May not transport in direct tactical support of LEA operational missions
  - May not transport where hostilities are imminent
- CAP Personnel may make spot reports of suspicious activities to LEAs



#### **Sensitive Information**



- Air Force Auxiliary is not an Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance (ISR) asset and therefore does not conduct INCIDENT AWARENESS AND ASSESSMENT (IAA) MISSIONS
  - USAF AUXILIARY CONDUCTS CIVIL SUPPORT MISSIONS FOR NON-INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES
- AF Aux Does NOT collect, disseminate, or retain information about U.S. persons
  - All information belongs to the requester
  - USAF can use info for force protection, then dispose
- Information includes:
  - Photographs
  - Video
  - Identifying information



### **CAP Resources**



950 Vehicles 530 Aircraft



2,100 Fixed Land Radios

8,000 Mobile Radios

56,155 Members
34,682 Officers
21,473 Cadets

14,900 Portable Radios







## **Platforms**





Gippsland GA-8 (16)



Cessna 182 (235)

Can operate with 2500' runway VHF AM and FM radio

Cruise speed 110-135 kts Range 520-730 NM



Cessna 206 (22)



Cessna 172 (262)



## **Cost-effective Force Multiplier**







## **Responding to Emergencies**



- 103 lives saved in FY07
- Large Scale effort during Fossett Search
- Wildfires in CA, FL, GA, SD, UT; Floods in IA, KS, NE, OK, SD
- ARCHER system used: to provide oil spill data for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and United States Geological Survey (USGS); to assist with Fossett search; to assist State of CA with vegetation and soil analysis after wildfires



Fossett Search Mission Base



Kansas flooding



## **Current Missions/Exercises**



#### **January:**

MO, IL, WI – Tornado damage assessment for National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Agency (NOAA)

#### Ongoing:

DC, AZ, SD, CA, FL, VT & TX – Air Defense Sector support

DE, MD, & AZ - Traffic monitoring missions

FL - Eglin AFB Fire Patrol

CA - Imperial Valley counterdrug

SD - Collared animal surveys (mountain lions)

OH, SD, AR, AZ - Low Level route surveys

ME - Escort for new Navy ships

#### **Upcoming:**

WA & OR – Prep for Vancouver Olympics WA & Middle East Region - Ardent Sentry exercise







## **AFNORTH Exercise**



SITUATION: Incident caused damage to the Kentucky Dam on the Tennessee River

REQUIREMENT: Damage assessment photos as soon as possible

**RESULT: CAP Images delivered within hours** 



Pre-mission imagery

#### Post-mission imagery







## **Exercises**



Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA)
Heartland Response

- New Madrid Fault Exercise

NORTHCOM Support
- United Defense
- Determined Promise
- Top Officials 3/Ardent Sentry







## **Hurricane Support**



#### Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ophelia and Wilma

- 1,048 Air Sorties
- 2,023 Flight Hours; 131 Ground Team Missions
- Provided air transportation for hundreds of people





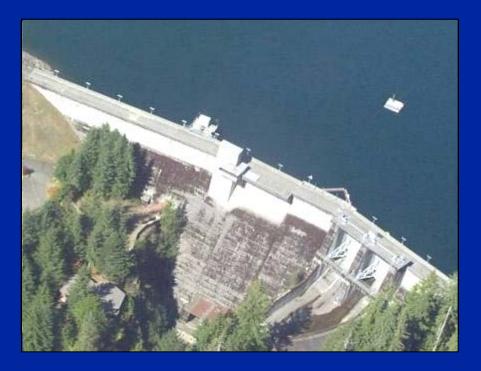


# **Additional Support**



- Critical infrastructure
- Restricted or sensitive areas
- Borders







## **Operations**







#### **SDIS**

Satellite-Transmitted Digital Imaging System

- Status
  - 100 systems in service now

#### **ARCHER**

Airborne Real-time Cueing Hyperspectral Enhanced Recon

- Status
  - 16 systems fielded





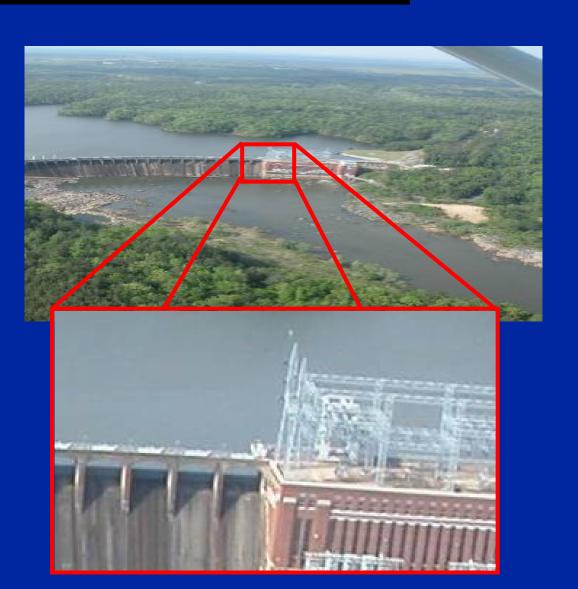
#### What is SDIS?

**S**atellite-transmitted

**D**igital

**I**maging

**S**ystem









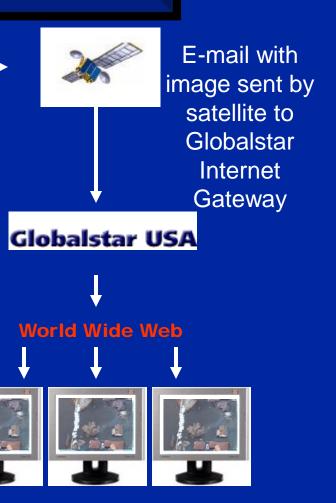
Digital Photo automatically loaded into aircraft laptop



Locate the target.

Take a digital photo

Image attached to an e-mail and sent via satellite phone



**Our Customers View in WMIRS** 





Technology that enables CAP to send high resolution digital imagery from CAP aircraft to anyone anywhere in the world

Images are sent as JPEG attachments via standard e-mail to multiple addresses and/or a password-protected website

Imagery is transmitted near real-time. Files take less than 2 minutes to transmit.















What is ARCHER?

**A**irborne

Real-Time

Cueing

**H**yperspectral

**E**nhanced

Recon







- ARCHER is a custom-designed system of hyperspectral imaging (HSI) hardware and software.
- HSI is a technology that allows a sensor on a moving platform to detect and/or gather reflected radiation (light) from man-made or natural objects on the ground.
- Hyperspectral Imaging will support current and future CAP missions
  - Search and Rescue (SAR)
  - Disaster Relief (DR)
  - Homeland Security (HLS)





ARCHER executes three separate algorithms for target acquisition and identification:

- Spectral signature matching: detects specific spectral signatures using matched filters (find things with known spectral properties)
  - Potential Missions: HLS
- Anomaly detection: detects spectral anomalies (things that do not "belong")
  - Potential Missions: Search and Rescue, Disaster Relief
- Change detection: detects changes over time through a pixel-by-pixel comparison.
  - Potential Missions: HLS, Disaster Relief



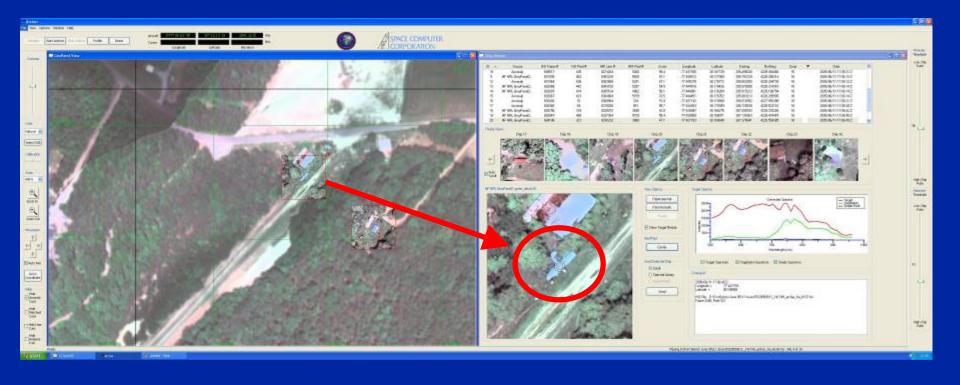


ARCHER is a non-invasive reflective light technology

- ARCHER will NOT make detections:
  - Through solid materials (e.g., roofs, buildings, walls, floors, etc.)
  - Underground
  - Under snow
  - Under water
  - At night







**Fort AP Hill Test Mission: Match Filter Detection** 



# **ARCHER Change Detection**





Sortie 1



Sortie 2



#### The Future for AF Aux



- Assume increased role in Civil Support mission
- More seamless integration within the Combined Air Operations Center and Air Force North (AFNORTH)



## **Civil Air Patrol**





... performing missions for America!

## **Questions?**





