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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SQUADRON PERSONNEL

FROM: Commander/Bowie Composite Squadron

SUBJECT: CAP ALERTING SYSTEM – HOMELAND SECURITY ALERTS

The following actions should be carried out in the event of escalated Homeland Security Alerts:

RED (Severe) Severe risk of terrorist attack or disaster operations

Action: Place CAP resources on RED ALERT status. CAP resources will be placed in secure locations under close control. Selected staff personnel, rapid response teams, and selected mission aircrews and ground teams will be placed on RED ALERT status and should prepare for expected deployment. People will not report for duty unless directed by the National Commander, Region Commander, Wing Commander, or the NOC. If directed to report for duty, mission bases may be occupied with staff and ICS liaison CAP personnel. Communications nets, particularly HF-SSB nets, between Wing HQ's, Region HQ's, and National HQ will be conducted at least once every six hours during Red Level Operations. Selected aircrews and ground teams may be directed to report to designated locations to await orders to deploy. Report status as directed.

BOWIE: *You have two hours to contact the Operations Officer and report your availability. Response time after that is 30 minutes unless told to report immediately.*

ORANGE (HIGH) High risk of terrorist attack or disaster operations

Action: CAP resources will be placed on ORANGE ALERT status. Selected staff personnel, rapid response teams, and selected mission aircrews and ground teams will be placed on TELEPHONE ALERT and should prepare for possible deployment. CAP resources including CAP emergency operations centers, aircraft and ground vehicles will be inspected to determine operational status. Communications nets, particularly HF-SSB nets, between Wing HQ's, Region HQ's, and National HQ will be conducted at least once daily during Orange Level Operations. Security of resources shall be checked. Report status as directed.

BOWIE: *You are on two-hour alert status.*

YELLOW (ELEVATED) Significant risk of terrorist attacks or disaster operations

Action: Coordinate emergency plans with nearby local authorities. Put contingency plans into action if necessary. CAP emergency service personnel and resources including CAP emergency operations centers, aircraft and ground vehicles will be checked to determine operational status. Communications nets, particularly HF-SSB nets, between Wing HQ's, Region HQ's, and National HQ will be conducted at least weekly during Yellow Level Operations. Report status as directed.

Normal operations at the squadron level at and below this level

BLUE (GUARDED) General risks of terrorist attacks or disaster operations

Action: Check to ensure communications links with emergency response teams work. Increase training and preparation for the staff, air and ground teams. Review and update emergency procedures. Coordinate, maintain, and update current Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with partner agencies. Provide CAP personnel with whatever information is necessary.

GREEN (LOW) Low risk of terrorist attacks or disaster operations

Action: Refine plans for emergencies. Train staff on emergency plans and capabilities. Maintain resource capability. Meet with external organizations to present CAP support capabilities and to develop new MOUs.

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