

The Ghost Writer

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Finger Lakes Group Practices its SAR Skills *Exceptional Training Opportunity.*

NAPLES--Approximately 45 members of the Finger Lakes Group of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) practiced their search and rescue skills from 24 to 26 March 2000 at Camp Cutler BSA, Naples, New York. The training exercise additionally exercised the K-9 Units of the Ontario County Sheriff's Department and the Massasauga Search and Rescue Team.

The Canandaigua Composite Squadron, based in Canandaigua, New York hosted the training exercise. During the exercise, CAP members received extensive training in various disciplines. The exercise began on Friday evening with Captain Robert Frost instructing members on first aid, safety, communications, and team equipment needs.

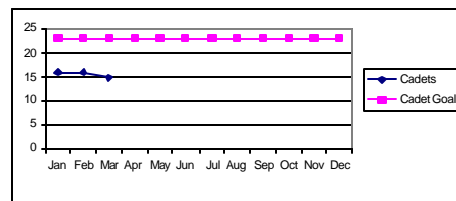
Saturday's training activities were conducted in a round-robin fashion. Cadet Master Sergeants Jeff Radcliffe and Jason Frost taught members how to build various emergency shelters. Captain Stan Skrabut conducted navigation skills instruction. First Lieutenants John Bradley and Rick Deschau instructed members on methods of conducting team searches and ground-to-air signals. Captain Robert Frost and Major Mark Jones trained members on extraction equipment and dry-river crossing methods. Throughout the day, aircrews practiced locating a training electronic locator transmitter (ELT). Additionally, aircrews interacted and responded to the ground-to-air signals laid out during the day's classes. Ground team members concluded the day by participating in a lengthy night exercise.

On Sunday morning, Deputy Sheriff John Peck and his dogs, Rosie and Penny, of the Ontario County Sheriff's Department's K-9 Unit along with Bob Brody and John Griffiths and their dog Cory of the Massasauga Search and Rescue Team

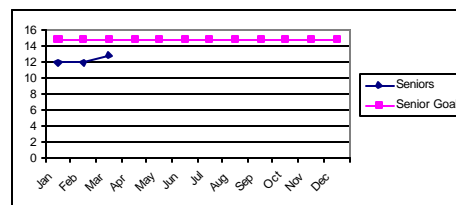
provided instruction on the use of dogs in search and rescue operations. Deputy Sheriff Peck, Rosie, and Penny demonstrated the use of trail sniffing techniques while searching for a missing person. This was an extremely impressive display of the effectiveness of using properly trained dogs in a search. The missing person took over ten minutes to get into a "lost" position; it took Penny only eight minutes to him. An equally impressive demonstration was carried out by Brody, Griffiths and Cory. Using sweeping motions, Cory, an air-sniffing trained dog, rapidly found her missing person. Both demonstrations clearly illustrated the need for such teams in search operations.

Where do we stand at the moment?

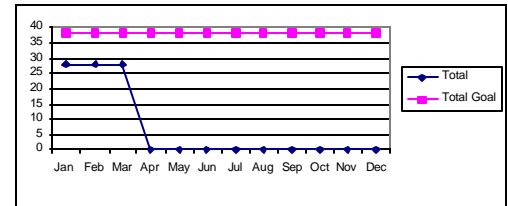
These next couple of charts will show you where we stand in regards to cadets, senior members, and a squadron as a whole.



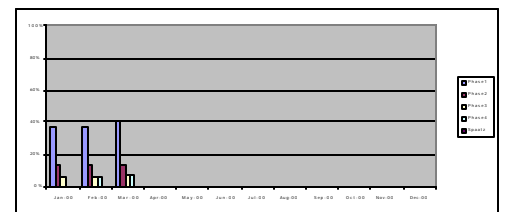
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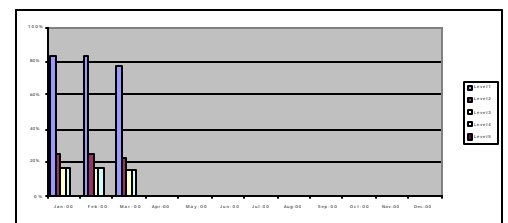
Senior Member Recruiting



Total Squadron Recruiting



Cadet Progression



Senior Progression

Promotions

- 15 Mar 00 - Chris Braun Cadet Airman Curry Achievement
- 15 Mar 00 - Yann Schutter Cadet Airman Curry Achievement
- 30 Mar 00 - Stanley Skrabut Major

Have News?

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Upcoming Events


What's Happening in New York Wing


 - Indicates a Suspense

April

- 08** FLG Group Ball at Wavers' Party House \$22 for Seniors and \$20 for Cadets
15 NYWG Leadership Workshop @ Rochester
15-16 FLG Corporate Learning Course
26 NYW NYW Color Guard Competition Statton ANG (tentative)
29-30 NYW National Check Pilot Course
29-30 Orientation Flights/Bivouac

May

- 05 - 07** NYW Conference at Lake Placid Hilton
06 Speech, Aerospace, Safety, and Poster Competition @ Conference
06 CAC Meeting @ Conference
06 FLG Chuck Yeager award call (tentative)
17 FLG Ginna SEMO evaluation
 **17** CAPF 31's due at squadron for cadets going to Encampment

- 19 - 21** NYW NYW Encampment Staff training Stratton ANG (tentative)
20 FLG SAREX at Batavia 08:00 - 15:00
28 FLG Pancake Breakfast at Perry-Warsaw
29 WNY Fly-In Breakfast at Akron
29 Memorial Day Parade (Hemlock and Honeoye)
 **31** Encampment In-Flight Cadet Applications Due (Mail to Encampment CC)

June

- 10** FLG SAREX at Perry-Warsaw Airport 08:00 - 15:00
29 Jun - 10 Jul - NYWG Leadership Encampment @ Ft Drum (Staff Only)

July

- 01-09** NYWG Leadership Encampment @ Ft Drum (In-Flight Cadets)
08 FLG ES Class (Tbd)
10 NYW Staff departs Ft. Drum
22 FLG SAREX at Rochester (tentative) 08:00 - 15:00

August

- 05** NYW NYW Drill Team competition (tentative)
11-13 CAC Meeting @ WNY (Niagara Falls Trip Included) (Tentative)
19 FLG SAREX at Canandaigua 08:00 - 15:00

September






- 18** NYW CD orientation
23 FLG SAREX at Genesee County Airport 08:00 - 15:00
30 - 31 NER NER Conference at Farmington CT

October

- 06 - 08** NYW CAC meeting NYW HQ (tentative)
21 - 22 FLG Squadron Leadership School
28 - 29 FLG ECI 13 Course (tentative)
21-22 FLG Corporate Learning Course

November

December

- 09** CAC Meeting @ MEG HQ's (Tentative)
 **31** Senior Member of the Year Applications Due @ NYWG HQ's
 **31** Cadet of The Year Applications Due @ NYWG HQ's
 **31** National Special Activities Applications Due @ NYWG HQ's
 **31** Leadership Encampment Senior Command Staff Applications Due @ NYWG HQ's
 **31** ES Encampment Senior Command Staff Applications Due @ NYWG HQ's

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