

Civil Air Patrol Apollo 1 Squadron (MD-085) Airborne Photographer Training. By Maj Derek Rustvold, Commander, Apollo 1 Squadron, Maryland Wing, Civil Air Patrol. Photo credit 1st Lt Richard Marko.

October 2017. Laurel, Md On October 29, 2017, members of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Apollo 1 Squadron based at Tipton Airport hosted Airborne photographer training. 1st Lt Michael Heuss and 1st Lt Richard Marko provided a full day of classroom instruction including theory and practice in conjunction with hands-on training using professional grade camera equipment. Twenty-two members from Maryland Wing completed the familiarization and preparation tasks necessary for advancement to airborne phase of training. CAP members must be qualified as Mission Scanner and at least 18 years of age to be eligible for Airborne photographer training.

Airborne Photographers serve as a members of CAP flight crews and are tasked with taking airborne photographs and/or video of specified ground targets that completely meet or exceed customer's objectives and needs. These members will eventually support CAP Emergency Services Missions providing a very inexpensive method for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other local, state, and federal government agencies to get imagery needed to dispatch assistance where needed more quickly and effectively.



The Apollo 1 Senior squadron meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Tipton Airport, Hanger 80, 7509 General Aviation Drive, Fort Meade, Maryland. Pilots and adult members age 21 and over are welcomed to drop by and learn more about CAP programs and activities. More information about our squadron can be found at <http://mdwg.cap.gov/index.php/squadrons/apollo-i-senior-squadron/> . Follow Apollo 1 Senior squadron on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/capmss/> .

Nearly 1,500 CAP members serve in Maryland. Last year wing members flew 13 search and rescue missions. The wing was credited with four finds. Maryland Wing flew 32 missions for the State of Maryland. Members flew 2,245 hours in all mission categories. Volunteers contributed services estimated at \$4.6 million. For more information, contact the Maryland Wing at www.mdwg.cap.gov or follow the wing on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MarylandWingCivilAirPatrol.

Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force. In this role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 aircraft, 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 80 lives annually. CAP's 57,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. CAP also plays a leading role in aerospace/STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to 24,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs. Visit www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com . for more information.