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MEMORANDUM FOR TEXAS WING MEMBERS

FROM: Texas Wing/CC

SUBJECT: Holiday Season Safety (Letter # 7)

1. As we enter the holiday season, I encourage every member to keep Safety as the first consideration in every activity you undertake, be it on a CAP mission, at home, at work or at play.
2. Pilots, in particular, face additional challenges at this time of year. The holidays can be distracting, and outside commitments can reduce proficiency. Adding low ceilings, fog and cold weather to the equation further increases risk.
3. I ask every pilot to carefully evaluate his or her proficiency during this holiday season. Review winter flying hazards and POH cold weather procedures. Adjust your personal minima, if necessary.
4. We all know that currency and proficiency are not the same. Take a proficiency sortie with an instructor if you have a long period without flying.
5. Mental preparation is crucial to maintaining mission safety. All the training in the world won't help you if you are thinking about something else. If you are not mentally prepared to participate in a CAP activity, leave it to someone else who is.

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