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MEMORANDUM FOR TEXAS WING PILOTS AND AIRCRAFT CUSTODIANS

FROM: TXWG/CC

SUBJECT: Night Flight Required Equipment and Aircraft Discrepancies

1. As you are aware, my two top priorities are safety and aircraft maintenance. A recent CAP mishap in another wing shows what can happen when these two areas are neglected. While there are other factors involved, a major factor in the mishap was the pilot flying an airplane at night without functioning instrument lights.
2. Texas Wing aircraft will not be flown at night without functioning instrument lights. In addition to being required by Part 91, it's just common sense. A hand-held flashlight is an emergency backup and not an adequate light source for starting a mission.
3. Pilots must log discrepancies and notify the appropriate unit personnel as soon as possible so we can initiate repairs and clear the discrepancy quickly. We have an excellent aircraft maintenance process in place. Use it.
4. Direct all questions to Lt Col Max Hays at [mwhays@earthlink.net](mailto:mwhays@earthlink.net) or Lt Col Mike Eberle at [texaswingsafety@sbcglobal.net](mailto:texaswingsafety@sbcglobal.net). The Texas Wing Aircraft Maintenance e-mail is [TexasWingMaint@yahogroups.com](mailto:TexasWingMaint@yahogroups.com).

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