

The Sky's the Limit

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The Morning of Saturday, September 28, 2021 dawned bright and slightly chilly as the Civil Air Patrol air crews prepped their 182T aircraft for take off in advance of the Wyoming Wing SAREX (**Search and Rescue Exercise**) being hosted by the Cheyenne Composite Squadron and ran from both the Cheyenne Regional Airport and the Wyoming Department of Transportation facilities.



Civil Air Patrol Cheyenne Composite Squadron
Pilot and Cadets preparing the Cessna 182T



Civil Air Patrol Cheyenne Composite Squadron
Pilot – Lt Col Rodney Burnett Check ing the fuel.

Two sorties (**training missions**) were planned for the day. The first scenario was:

Relatives reported an overdue aircraft piloted by a 60-year-old male private pilot traveling between Cheyenne, WY enroute to Laramie, WY. They said the Aircraft is a white Mooney with dark brown stripes, with a tail number of N1088T. There were no other reported passengers and there wasn't a flight plan on file.

The pilot called relatives by phone just before the aircraft departed Cheyenne at 4:30 a.m., 28 AUG 2021 with the pilot telling them the flight should be about 30 minutes.

The Second scenario pertained to:

The Albany County Sheriff reports a 51 Year Old Male(YOM) fisherman and his 25 YOM son failed to return home from a fishing trip to the Upper North Crow Reservoir in southwest Albany County. The man's wife indicated they left home early 27 Aug 2021 and were expected home in Laramie that evening for dinner. She notified the Albany County Sheriff's office at 10:00p.m. local. Sheriff dispatched a deputy but, no vehicle or individuals were found. Vehicle is a red 2008 Ford F250 with a white pickup bed shell. Individuals indicted they were going to go fish by the far west inlets and outlets of the reservoir.

While these flight missions were happening, back on the ground at the Command Center there was communications training going on with the cadets (kids 12 to 20) and adult senior members on how to communicate using the radio correctly and efficiently, training with Safety, Public Affairs, Logistics, Weather Monitoring and Vehicle/Aircraft Tracking.

A lot goes in to conducting a Search and Rescue Mission so it is imperative that the training all members go through is also just as intensive.



RMRC – Col Jeffery Johnson instructing a
Comm. Class



Maj Bruce Hertelelenty
showing cadets how to track an Emergency Transmitter
Locator



Wing Safety Officer – Jim Ormsby overseeing
the vehicle safety briefing.



Cheyenne Squadron Commander – Capt Todd DePorter
Giving an overall brief on the tracking of our aircraft.