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Subject: Urban DF Team Composition

Background

CAP Regulation 60-3 defines an Urban Direction Finding (UDF) team as consisting of a minimum of two appropriately rated UDF, Ground Team Member (GTM) or Ground Team Leader (GTL) members. At least one member of the team must hold a standard rating as GTL or UDF. The requirement for the minimum two members increases the potential for safe and appropriate actions of the team.

Policy

1. If any of the members is a cadet, except for a two-person team composed of parent and child, the team will be comprised of at least one senior and two other members. Without exception, requirements of the CAP Cadet Protection Policy will be followed. The team will remain together throughout the mission.

Otherwise, for teams composed of senior members only:

2. If either senior member of a two-person team is in training status, the team will remain together throughout the mission.

3. If both senior members hold appropriate standard ratings, and prudent operational considerations dictate separation of the members, they must remain within simplex VHF communication distance of each other to meet the definition of a team. The actual distance will vary depending on terrain and physical features of the search area. The Incident Commander and designated team leader will consider safety of the team as the primary and controlling factor in any decision to separate.

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