



OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE 1

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Guidelines for Issuance of FIND and SAVE Credit

Background

These procedures apply to the issuance of all FIND and SAVE credits and awards within California Wing, and are to be followed by all California Wing Incident Commanders and Mission Managers.

CAP Regulations 60-3 and 39-3 provide basic criteria for the award of FIND and SAVE credit, as well as awarding the appropriate ribbons. However, these criteria are fairly general and are frequently applied inconsistently. In the interest of improving consistency and fairness to our members, the following procedures shall be used.

Procedure

- **Save Credits** (ref: R60-3 Sec. 1-27)

Upon determination by the controlling agency of a Save Credit, the Save will be authorized to each member actively participating in the mission during the operational period of the recovery.

Authorization of the Save Credit will be issued by CAWG/DO.

- **Find Credits** (ref: R60-3 Sec. 1-28)

Find credit will be authorized to each member of Aircrews, Ground Teams or UDF Teams that directly contributed to the location and identification of a search target.

For non-distress finds, authorization of the Find Credit will be issued by the IC.

For distress finds, IC makes recommendation to CAWG/DO. Authorization for the Find Credit will be issued by CAWG/DO.

Applied Example:

ELT Mission, initial DF team goes to airport, gets bearings that points off to an off-road location. Three ground Teams are called. GT1 & GT2 go to the coordinates provided by DF team, acquire signal and start to locate it. GT1 & GT2 split to work the signal from two different ridge lines. GT1 members provide bearings to GT2 members who find a crash site on their ridge line. GT3 is still enroute when the target is located, but guides the Sheriff and Fire personnel to site to extricate the victims.

Because of the remote location, CAP Aircrew provides high bird coverage during the extraction.

Base staff includes IC, AOBD, CUL and MRO.

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AFRCC determines and awards two saves.

Find and Save Credit Issuance:

Save Credit is issued to members of:

DF Team, GT1, GT2, GT3, CAP Aircrew, IC, AOBD, CUL and MRO.

Distress Find Credit is issued to members of:

DF Team, because their bearing identified the location for GT1 and GT2

(this is the same as if an aircrew provided a location)

GT1 & GT2 which were working in a coordinated manner when the target was located.