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Local Civil Air Patrol Unit to Host Search and Rescue Exercise

AZLE, Tex. (March 15, 2021) – TX456, Azle Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, an active squadron of 30 members, will be hosting an Emergency Services Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) Saturday, March 20, 2021 beginning at 9:00am and continuing throughout the day. This exercise will be held in the parking lot of First Baptist Church Azle at 1017 Boyd Road. Ground team training will be conducted locally and coordinated with air operation training out of the Denton airport for Civil Air Patrol members.

This event is conducted as a joint exercise between multiple Texas units to provide training in Emergency Services for Air, Ground, and Mission staff personnel. Cadets (teens 12-18 years old) and Senior Members (adults over 18 years old) from the Azle Unit as well as other nearby units will participate to expand and reinforce their skills in Emergency Services. Exercise participants will be given training scenarios and will carry out the mission that simulates a real life situation.

Texas Wing of Civil Air Patrol conducts these exercises multiple times throughout the year to prepare its members to be ready to assist when a real life situation arises. An information booth will be onsite for anyone interested in learning more about Civil Air Patrol.

Civil Air Patrol is the longtime auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and as such is a valued member of its Total Force. In its auxiliary role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 single-engine aircraft and 1,994 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS). It performs about 90% of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 82 lives annually. CAP's 60,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. Operating as a nonprofit organization, CAP also plays a leading role in STEM/aerospace education, and its members serve as mentors to about 25,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs.

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