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**MEMO TO:** All NY Wing Group CC's, Group Communications Officers and NY Wing Personnel  
**FROM:** NY Wing Communications Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Policy Letter, Revised Use of Family Service Radios (FRS) within the NY Wing

National Headquarter CAP has revised the prohibitions on the use of FRS in accordance with the provisions of AFI 33-106, 9 January 2002.

Effective immediately NY memorandum dated 3 April 2000 is rescinded. And replaced with the following:

- A. Use of Family Radio Service (FRS) radios **IS PERMITTED** on a limited basis to supplement **NON-EMERGENCY** Communications or **NON-MISSION** related correspondence type communications. Civil Air Patrol **DOES NOT** have exclusive use of any FRS channels. FRS Channels are to be used on a shared channel use with the general public on a first come first serve basis. CAP users must practice the "Good Neighbor" Policy at all times using this mode of communications. The following list of activities are examples of where FRS radios may be used:
1. FRS radios may be employed for fund raising events. Such would be parking lot duty or communications with the operators for the event.
  2. FRS Radios may be used to practice communications that are non-mission in nature.
  3. FRS Radios, may be used to supplement public service communications activities.
  4. FRS Radios may be used to supplement communications at Cadet Encampments and Bivouacs, as outlined by the Communications Director in a formal Communications Plan for this activity.
- B. FRS Radios **SHALL NOT** be used for the following:
1. Any type of Civil Air Patrol Mission Traffic, real or practice. These are security and legal concerns.
  2. Intra mission base communications. (i.e., Air Ops talking to flight line).
  3. Ground team communications to a vehicle or amongst themselves during a mission. This does not however prevent a ground team member from having an FRS Radio with him. These type of radios have been invaluable from time to time, in locating missing persons who are known to sometimes to possess such radios. They simply will not be used for ANY mission traffic.
  4. Any such traffic that would look bad for the Civil Air Patrol in general. Such inappropriate communications would be use of foul language, poor radio technique,

improper use of pro-words, arguing, etc.

5. No use of FRS Radios from Aircraft AT ANY TIME.
6. No CAP ***internal communications*** of any type may be transmitted.
7. Any restrictions that either the Director of Communications, or the Wing Commander grant at such time, or as deemed necessary by a CAP-IC, C.U.D. or Group Communications Officer.
8. It can be anticipated that outsiders (Non-CAP members) hearing us on the air will attempt to provoke and interfere with our use of any FRS channel. Engaging in any communications with these people is strictly prohibited.
9. Use of FRS Radios will **NEVER** be used to replace an existing CAP Radio.

C. Licensing Requirements:

1. This type of communications is unlicensed.
2. These radios will not be licensed; use shall employ tactical (ICS) designators Post 1 to Cadet Commander, etc.
3. Radios shall not be purchased with Corporate or Group funds
4. Operators are not required to be licensed by NY Wing HQ. Operators will be monitored by the Group or Squadron Communications Officer for proper communications procedures. It is **STRONGLY** suggested that all operators attain a Basic (B-Cut) Operators Permit. This is a Group procedure and not a Wing or National requirement.
5. Liability – The CAP Member using this type of communications understands and accepts the fact that the use of this asset is also regulated by other agencies and that maintaining legal use is imperative. Any violations will be the members responsibility and that no assistance from CAP will be provided. Furthermore, lost, damaged or stolen personally owned equipment will not be the responsibility of NY Wing CAP or the Local Group.

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