

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Services (ES) is one of the three main functions of the CAP, the other two being Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education. ES probably involves more manpower and facilities than any other branch of the CAP. It includes all Search and Rescue (SAR) and Disaster Relief (DR) functions, including air and ground. This includes training, qualification, and actual mission activities. Many missions are in support of persons in distress and should be conducted competently, expeditiously, and in a professional manner. Proper training, thoroughness, and timeliness cannot be over-emphasized.

All training in ES begins with the General Emergency Services (GES) rating. There are many additional specialty ratings in the ES system. Be careful not to confuse these specialty ratings in ES with the specialty tracks in Professional Development. Training for the GES rating is described in CAP Training. Additional training in ES can be explained by your ES Officer or Aircrew Training Officer.

Qualifications in ES ratings are recorded electronically in the Member Information Management System (MIMS). Each member can print a 101 card, which is a pocket size listing of all their ES ratings. This card or a printout from the MIMS system is required at any Command Center for the Incident Commander's use in assigning personnel.

When a mission is assigned the Incident Commander will organize the personnel and equipment under his/her control for maximum efficiency and economy of operations. Resource allocation is a critical function of the mission staff. They must analyze the objective and the prevailing conditions and make prudent decision concerning the suitability of air and/or ground resources. 2-10-08