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Colorado Civil Air Patrol rated “Excellent” by USAF

A performance evaluation of Emergency Services abilities conducted the week of July 20-25 by the US Air Force has resulted in a grade of “Excellent” for the Colorado Civil Air Patrol.

The USAF Evaluation Team presented the Colorado CAP with several simulated missions, including a missing aircraft and missing hiker, as well as homeland security and disaster relief tasks. The simulation’s Mission Base was at the Greeley-Weld County Airport, with satellite bases at Colorado Springs and Montrose.

“I think it’s been a tremendous exercise. I think the taxpayers of Colorado can be proud of the excellent work of these volunteers,” said USAF Maj. Trent Baines, leader of the eight-member evaluation team.

Singled out for special recognition was the Information Technology team, which received a rating of “Outstanding” for its efforts during the exercise.

“Several months of planning paid off when over a hundred well-prepared and highly-qualified members of Colorado wing came together and performed in an exemplary manner,” said Col. Edward Phelka, Commander of the Colorado Wing of CAP. “I am very proud of each and every one who participated in this endeavor,” he added.

About 120 CAP members from around Colorado took part in the evaluation. The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary of the USAF, which, as the parent organization, conducts this type of simulation every two years.

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Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 57,000 members nationwide. CAP performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 90 lives in fiscal year 2008. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the more than 22,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 67 years. For more information, log onto GoCivilAirPatrol.com.