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Operations

USE OF CAP RADIO DURING FLIGHT

This instruction prescribes the procedure for using CAP VHF radios during flight.

1. Effective immediately, all aircrews will monitor the CAP VHF radio on channel "AIR1" at all times during flight.
2. The purpose of this policy is to allow for an emergency contact or recall of any airborne asset. In the event there is an actual mission, ES personnel can call the aircraft on the CAP radio to prosecute the mission and/or return to base to become mission ready. Also, FROs are required to contact SAR for any overdue CAP flight. By monitoring this frequency, ground personnel can call an aircraft to confirm that it is safe.
3. The CAP radio is on COM3 in all Group 6 aircraft and may be monitored by any B-Cut aircrew member. If the copilot/observer/scanner is monitoring COM3, the pilot is not required to also monitor this frequency; the pilot can instead monitor ATC without any distractions from COM3. This policy does not relieve the aircrew from the requirement to also monitor "121.5" at all times during flight IAW FLWG CAPR60-1 Supplement.
4. Before taxi, the CAP radio should be turned on and tuned to "AIR1" and an available crewmember should be monitoring COM3. An initial call such as "CAP 842 monitoring" should be given so as to alert monitoring ground stations that you are on frequency. Prior to shutdown, a closing call such as "CAP 842 secure" should be given so as to alert monitoring ground stations that you are off frequency.
5. The policy does not apply to actual/training missions in which the IC has designated an alternate CAP frequency for use. The PIC of any flight is authorized to deviate from this policy for the purpose of safety during flight. Any PIC exercising this authority should be able to justify the deviation in the event the aircraft could not be contacted.
6. This Operating Instruction to be considered immediately rescinded should a contradictory regulation or supplement be issued by a higher echelon.


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