



# Anoka County Composite Squadron Minnesota Wing Civil Air Patrol



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### A New Year has started

#### We are ready

New members are joining Anoka Composite Squadron along with continued training activities, testing to reach new goals and recognition through promotions are great ways to start a New Year. Safety is a year around item but it doesn't hurt to take a new look at the start of each year. With the excitement and training Members will be ready when needed to answer the call. The call may be in many forms. Help to find an ELT, someone lost, or in many cases just to be a responsible helping person to your neighbors, friends and most importantly your family. Let's all have a great NEW YEAR.

#### Training

First Aid training was conducted on three Tuesday nights for more the 30 members of the Anoka Squadron. With completion and passing of the course members will have another item signed off on their SQTR'S and be ready to help someone in need. 2Lt Jay Spreitzer did a great job in putting on the course.



2Lt Jay Spreitzer conducting First Aid Class



First Aid Training Class At Anoka Squadron

**Dedication and hard work in CAP earned the following members a promotion to the next rank. Congratulations**

## **Promotions**

**On January 15, 2008**

**Presented by Capt Bosshart (left)**



Promoted from 2Lt to 1Lt Shelly Supan

**Presented by Capt Bosshart (Right)**



Promoted from SM to 2Lt George Supan

Photo by 1Lt Shelly Supan

**Presented by Capt Bosshart (left) and C/2Lt Keyona Sanchez (Center)**



Promoted from C/TSgt to C/MSgt Peter Mayhew

C/MSgt Mayhew was also presented a Birthday cake.

Presented by Capt Bosshart (center) C/2Lt Keyona Sanchez (left)



Promoted from C/SSgt to C/TSgt Matt Frame

Presented by Capt Bosshart (left) C/2Lt Keyona Sanchez (center)



Promoted from C/SSgt to C/TSgt Dave Bjorkman

Presented by Capt Bosshart (left) C/2Lt Keyona Sanchez (center)



Promoted from C/SrA to C/SSgt Mark Farrand

Presented by Capt Bosshart (left) C/2Lt Keyona Sanchez (center)



Promoted from C/A1C to C/SrA Christian Lysholm

Presented by Capt Bosshart (left) C/2Lt Keyona Sanchez (center)



Promoted from C/A1C to C/SrA Hanna Olsen

## Promotion

**On January 22, 2008**

Presented by Capt Bosshart (center) C/2Lt Haus (Right)



Promoted from C/SrA to C/SSgt Emily Tholen

## Congratulation to all

### Safety

The Sentinel is the official safety newsletter of CAP. Items were reviewed by our Safety Officer 1Lt Jody Veek. He suggested everyone access [www.cap.gov/safety](http://www.cap.gov/safety), find and read The Sentinel for the month of January. Access the web site, click on Newsletters (Archived), 2008, then January to pull up the January issue. Accessing and reading The Sentinel should be a regular monthly activity for everyone.

### Blue Moon Tuesday Social Event

The fifth Tuesday of the month is a social event where members can bring guest to visit the Squadron. Then can meet other members of there own age, receive a tour of the building and ask questions. Food and refreshments are usually served along with chips, as was the case on January 29, 2008. The wind chill was about -----35 below. It was very cold out side but nice and worm inside. We had a great turnout of cadets and seniors. Special guests who braved the cold

were Joy Powell and her nephew Chris Powell. They came along ways to enjoy the food and to meet every one. Joy wrote the article that was in the Star Tribune "Responding swiftly to raging rivers" on December 22, 2007. In writing the article she interviewed a number of CAP members from the Anoka Squadron, whom she had a change to meet, along with Brig. Gen. Amy Courter who is our CAP national leader. Another visitor was C/SrA Hanna Olsen's school assignment baby. She is learning to care for him real well and had a lot of help that night.

### **SAR/EVAL**

Every two years the Air Force evaluates CAP Minnesota Wing on it's equipment and procedures. This year the SAR/EVAL took place at St. Croix Composite Squadron in Lake Elmo on January 26&27. It was a cold winter overcast day. All aircraft and vans were to be at the EVAL to be inspected by the Air Force. Due to bad weather most of the aircraft did not arrive. A number of Anoka Composite Squadron members attended and took our van for the inspection. Yes, we received a 100% on all items. Great team work. All of the SAR missions and procedures were reviewed by the Air Force. KSTP TV and a reporter from the Stillwater Gazette were there. The Anoka team members were in the KSTP report that aired on January 26. To view the report go to <http://kstp.com/article/stories/S327542.shtml?cat=1> and click on the Eyewitness News picture of a Cadet. The hands with the radio are those of Capt Bosshart. In the group of CAP people being reviewed are (on the left) Capt Bosshart, Capt Dave Mansheffer (far right) and 2Lt Jay Spreitzer (second from right). The Anoka Squadrons DF unit and ELT training equipment added a key part to the broadcast. Yes, even the TV interviews along with the coverage was watched and reviewed by the Air Force. Maj Don Sorenson was in charge of ground Operations, 1Lt Shelly Supan was in charge of Air Operations and I assisted Capt Rich Sprouse as Mission Information Officer. We have not heard the official results of the EVAL from the Air Force. The preliminary was a very positive report.

### **Local CAP coverage**

Anoka Composite Squadron members were highlighted in four newspapers in January. The Elk River Star News, Anoka County Union, Coon Rapids Press and the White Bear Press all had articles about our members and the work we do. Along with the TV and Stillwater Gazette coverage CAP has been in the news for the right reasons. Responding to the call. "More Then Meets The Skies"

### **Welcome New Member**

Cadet Joshua Lindsay

If you have any comments please contact me.

Have a great day,

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