



CAP CHAPLAIN: ARE YOU MISSION READY YET?



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The full spectrum and scope of the activity and function of CAP goes far beyond the activity done on a local unit level from week to week. Because CAP is involved on a larger level performing important and vital "Missions to America", it requires that our members to be actively and continuously involved in Training, SAREX and actual Mission scenarios. As Chaplains our place, function, development and participation in CAP should not be seen as being any less important or different. We too, must be moving in harmony with our fellow CAP counterparts, preparing ourselves to be present, functional and effective at these higher levels of activity as well. Thus the need for taking a look at what is necessary to become "**Mission Qualified**" (or designated a "**Mission Chaplain**" [MC]), and the importance that holds for each of us as CAP Chaplains.



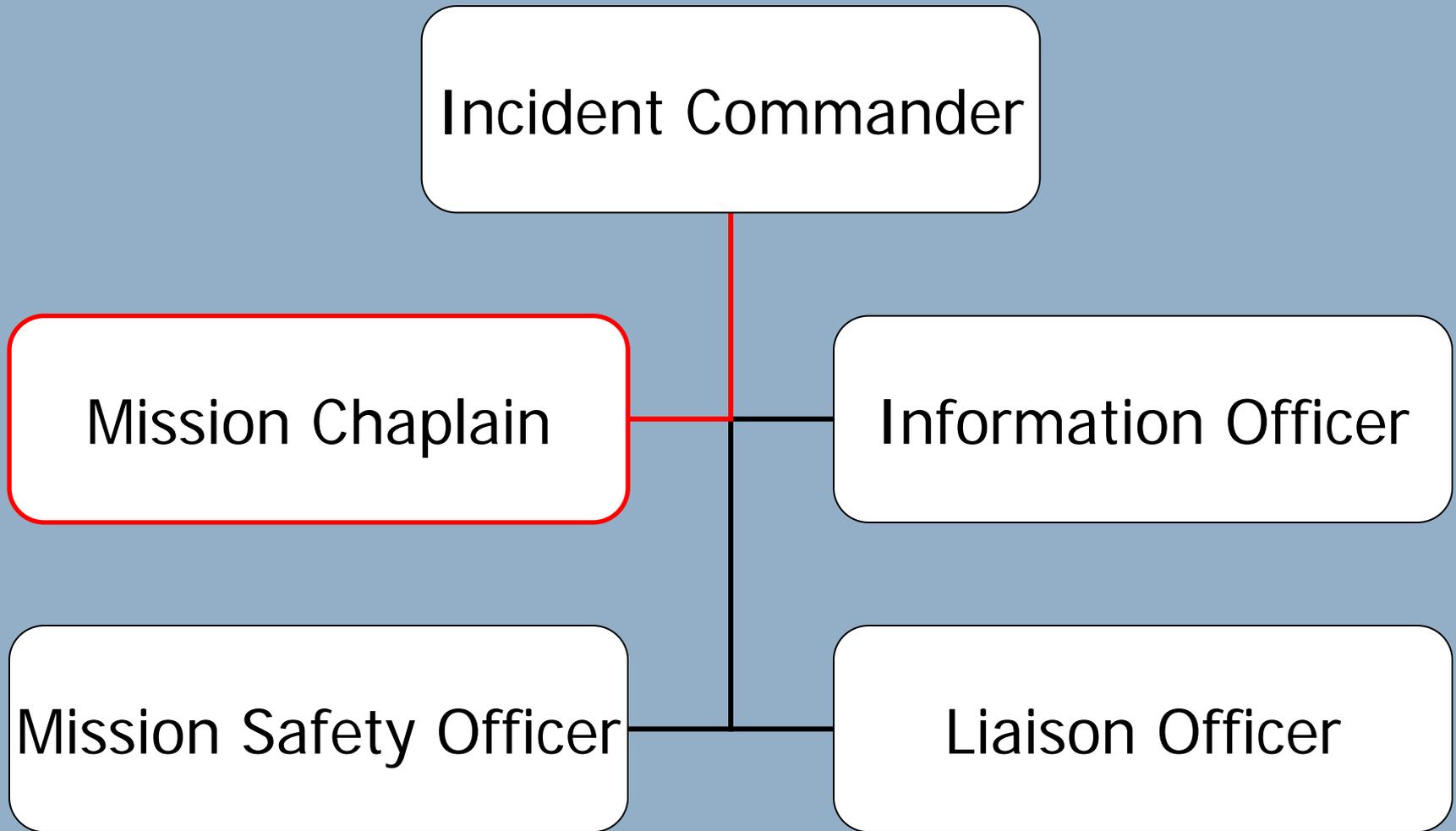
The Mission Chaplain



- The Chaplain Staff officer, commonly called the **Mission Chaplain**, is usually the highest-ranking chaplain involved in the mission. The mission chaplain ministers to both spiritual and emotional needs of all individuals, families a mission staff alike. The chaplain arranges for religious service or observances on Sundays and other holy days of obligation. During the mission, the chaplain may serve as a liaison for victims' families, providing information on the progress of the mission and coordinating the families' needs with the logistics chief or other mission personnel and agencies as necessary. When serious injury or loss of life has occurred, the mission chaplain may provide pastoral care to the mission staff, victims, survivors, and their families. *(CAPR 60-3)*
- Chaplains are an integral part of the **Incident Command System**. Without a Mission Chaplain the mission cannot be adequately accomplished. The emotional needs and pastoral needs that occur within and as a result of the mission should be attended to by a chaplain. Incidents without chaplain presence, support and ministry are at risk of leaving persons with unresolved issues that may cause serious mental and physical health issues for all persons involved.



Incident Command Staff and the Mission Chaplain



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Incident Command System.**



Mission Chaplain Defined:



- There is a difference between a **“Mission Chaplain”** and a **“chaplain at the mission”**. The United States Air Force Auxiliary regulations permit chaplains to acquire a **Form 101 (Emergency Services Card)**, upon completion of prescribed training and an examination.
- In order to obtain the specific **Mission Chaplain** rating, the chaplain must complete certain additional training requirements that will lead to a more practical, useful and competent ministry for search and rescue/disaster relief mission activities.



What It Takes To Become A Mission Chaplain:



The necessary training requirements include:

- Acquire a **MC - SQTR** for the rating of Mission Chaplain. This form lists all of the requirements for attainment of the Mission Chaplain rating. (Chaplains must understand that he/she will not be permitted on a SAR or SAREX base without the proper credentials including a valid, updated **CAPF 101** or **MC - SQTR**. In addition, the chaplain must be attired in an acceptable uniform and be in possession of his/her **USAF Auxiliary** identification card [plain or photo].)



Mission Chaplain SQTR



SPECIALTY QUALIFICATION TRAINING RECORD (SQTR)		
<u>Mission Chaplain</u>		
NAME (Last, First, MI)	CAPID	DATE ISSUED
Prerequisites		
Item	Date Completed	
Qualified GES		
Satisfactory completion of the current CAP Chaplain's Course (221)		
The above listed member has completed the required prerequisite training for the mission chaplain specialty.		
UNIT/WING/REGION COMMANDER OR AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE'S SIGNATURE		DATE
Familiarization and Preparatory Training		
Task	Evaluator's CAPID and Date Completed	
Complete NIMMS G193 or equivalent		
Complete Task C-1000 Demonstrate knowledge of the role of the mission chaplain on SAR / DR missions, including crises ministry skills		
Satisfactory completion of the current Chaplain's Helping Chaplains Course (221-A)		
The above listed member has completed the required familiarization and preparatory training requirements for the mission chaplain specialty qualification and is authorized to serve in that specialty while supervised on training or actual missions.		
UNIT/WING/REGION COMMANDER OR AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE'S SIGNATURE		DATE
Advanced Training		
Task	Evaluator's CAPID and Date Completed	
Complete Basic Communications User Training		
Complete Task L-0001 Basic Communications Procedures for ES Operations		
Complete the appropriate portion of CAPT 117, <i>Emergency Services Continuing Education examinations</i>		
Exercise Participation		
The above listed member satisfactorily participated as a mission chaplain trainee under my direct supervision on mission number _____.		
QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE		DATE
The above listed member satisfactorily participated as a mission chaplain trainee under my direct supervision on mission number _____.		
QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE		DATE
Unit Certification and Recommendation		
The above listed member has completed the requirements for the mission chaplain specialty qualification and is authorized to serve in that specialty on training or actual missions.		
UNIT/WING/REGION COMMANDER OR AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE'S SIGNATURE		DATE
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Requirements Continued:



- Any chaplain who possesses the required **CAPF 101** or **MC - SQTR** may report to the mission base as a participant in a SAR mission or SAREX...
- Completion of the **Chaplain's Helping Chaplains Course (CAPP 221-A)**...
- Knowledge of the **Incident Command System (ICS)** (completion of FEMA courses **IS-100/200/700**) (**All available online**)
- Knowledge of mission facilities and resources...
- Demonstration of the role of the Mission Chaplain on **SAR/DR** missions...



Requirements Continued:



- Demonstration of crisis ministry skills (**CISM** – Critical Incident **Stress Management**).
- The various tasks listed above must be completed and signed off by a qualified trainer who possesses a Standard Mission Chaplain rating or who is certified as an instructor (**TTT** or **SET** qualified).
- The **SAREX** is an excellent place for chaplains to obtain training in the skills needed for ministry as a Mission Chaplain. All trainees must participate in at least **two (2) SAREX** exercises as a **Mission Chaplain Trainee** in order to be signed off as meeting the necessary requirements.



LET'S TALK...!



QUESTIONS!

COMMENTS!

DISCUSSION!