

OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE
CIVIL AIR PATROLNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
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Subject: Training Program

To: All Wing Commanders

1. The attached extract from a report from the Wing Commander in Delaware is forwarded for your information. It shows a high degree of initiative in starting the training of a State unit.

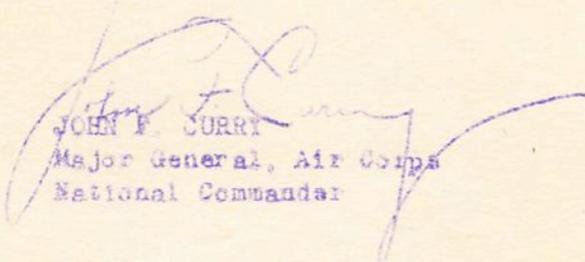
2. It must be most strongly emphasized that at this time the training carried on must necessarily depend on the initiative of the local commanders as they alone know the capabilities of the men under them and the facilities available. They are the ones who by contact with local authorities, and their own ingenuity, must start training and determine missions for their units.

3. The level of experience of the Civil Air Patrol must be raised so that it can perform creditably when called upon and this is at present largely a local matter.

4. The Civil Air Patrol is in the status similar to that of a fire department. It is organized and constantly carries on its training so that when called on suddenly to do a mission, it is ready and able to carry it out.

5. Training Directives Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 and General Orders Nos. 1 and 2 have been issued to all Wing Commanders. These are largely organizational. Others will follow, but the press of business in the printing department is such that much delay will be caused. These directives must therefore be supplemented locally.

6. Prompt reports to this office of training activities conducted by Civil Air Patrol units will assist the entire organization by our analysis and distribution of such ideas.



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