

AIRBORNE PUBLIC SAFETY ASSOCIATION



The

Safety

Wire

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Stay Frosty.

It is the holiday season and everyone is slowing down a bit to enjoy family, friends and all the holidays have to offer. Well, everybody except us. Criminals are out in full force hitting shopping areas, homes vacated by those travelling to see family, etc. People feel compelled to travel in terrible weather to make it to obligatory holiday functions, and then often drive home after indulging too much in adult holiday beverages. We find ourselves struggling harder than ever to balance

personal lives with our work during the holidays. This balance can be threatened by the general throttling back of society during this time of year. I can remind all of you to 'stay frosty' when it comes to your own risk management, and that will help some. However, the most important thing we can do is to also stay vigilant in watching out for the brothers and sisters working at our side during this time. Watch your coworkers and make sure you are doing everything you can to get them home for the holidays. Some may be tired or even depressed this month. Don't ignore it, do something. Helping your public safety aviation family may be one of the greatest gifts you can give this year.

And to that point...here is my gift to you.



Air 1 Really Can't Stay

(voice of the aircrew)

We really can't stay
We've been on this call all day
But you've been saying that...
For three hours now

(voice of the ground units)

*Orbit a few minutes more
But SWAT's going to kick down the door
Just a few minutes more
We had a really long tactical pow-wow.*

Low fuel is causing worry
Did I hear someone go to the store?
That's enough we're gunna scurry
Maybe just another orbit or two

*I admit our plan's a bit blurry
Snacks were low, we needed more
Air -1 what's your big hurry?
If you leave we'll talk bad about you.*

Baby we're R.T.B...

We really can't stay
This guy got away
That doesn't help...
With a one-hour delay

*But we KNOW he's here
But you have all that fancy gear
Just do a 'flyby'
Actually, he's been missing since Tuesday*

The perimeter's only two blocks
Dinner's getting cold while you stall
I drank too much tea

*Calling was a check in the box
We waited 'till you warmed it to call
Just a few orbits more*

No baby, let's R.T.B!

APSA ONLINE MEETINGS

The schedule for upcoming APSA online meetings is below. Meetings are conducted through an online conference call you can join using your computer or phone. They are open to any APSA member. Contract maintenance providers to APSA members are welcome on the maintenance meeting.



Safety Officers:

Friday, Jan 11, 2019

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST (1800 UTC)

UAS:

Wednesday, Jan 9, 2019

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST (1800 UTC)

Maintenance:

Wednesday, Jan 16, 2019

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST (1800 UTC)

To be added to any of these workgroups, please email me at:

safety@publicsafetyaviation.org

Reprint from 2016...

Twass the night before Christmas,

and at the airport nothing stirred,
Except for the most junior crewmembers of the police ghetto bird.
Timecards had been filled out and reviewed with much care,
In hopes that a fat holiday paycheck soon would be there.

In smelly old La-Z-Boys, we settled down for a long winter's nap,
Because visiting family kept us from sleeping and we both felt like cr...well, tired.
My TFO snored so loud it should be a crime,
So I watched *A Christmas Story*, for the twenty-second time.

When out from the radio there arose such a clatter,
Dispatch was calling, "Air 1! ", *now what's the matter?*
Units were chasing a car on the interstate,
Woo Hoo! A pursuit...we didn't want to be late!

We rushed to the aircraft like our pants were on fire,
There hadn't been an authorized chase in, oh, quite a while.
Who was so bad to be pursued on this peaceful Eve?
Detectives had staked out the Grinch's mamma's house, jumped him when he tried to leave.

Ten miles out, we easily had the pursuit in our sights,
There were so many cars, it looked like the Festival of Lights.
Three cars officially chasing, and 36 more, 'in the area'.
We arrived overhead the unfolding hysteria.

The Grinch bailed out and ran into a subdivision,
We could see his cold heart using our camera with thermal vision.
The TFO kept the camera on him 'like a boss',
making me proud,
Then we realized ground units set up a tiny perimeter, and I cursed out loud.

The Grinch kept moving away from the cops,
It would take forever to get an officer to him, he'd run several blocks.
When what to my NVG-aided eyes should appear,
But a non-certificated flying sleigh and eight public use category reindeer.

He swooped down to the yard, cracking his whip,
A perfect confined area approach, with a bit of sideslip.
He jumped from his sleigh and shouted for all to hear,
"I'm cleaning up my naughty list, Grinch! No free pass this year!"



St Nick unhooked reindeer and called them by name,
“Now Igor, now Jet, now Buck and Baloo!”
“Find me that perp, you know what to do!”
And towards the shed where the Grinch hid, all four reindeer flew.

He resisted and the reindeer weren't in the mood to play,
They used a taser, hoofs and a shot of pepper...mint spray.
When it comes to naughty list enforcement, I'm not sure who'd regulate,
But what we saw sure wouldn't fly with P.O.S.T. in this state!

Santa cuffed him and threw him in the sleigh with such ease,
Then ate a cookie, sat back and appeared quite pleased.
He looked at us flying above and called on 123.02,
“You better not be recording, or you'll be on the wrong list too.”

As we turned back home, a ground unit asked, “You still see him, right?”
“Negative, we lost him. Air 1's 10-8, Good Night.”



RESOURCES

FAA FAAS Team video: Heliport Accident Prevention
<https://youtu.be/YxTG0Q014rM>


FAA FAAS Team video: HEMS Weather Tool
<https://youtu.be/ukDXsy6BFQM>

FAA UAS Reporting for Law Enforcement Video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCBytrdoW-A&feature=youtu.be>

Reprint from 2015...

Holiday FRAT

HAZARD	RISK SCORE
YOUR FAMILY AT YOUR HOUSE > 3 DAYS	+5
IN-LAWS AT YOUR HOUSE > 3 DAYS	+10
EGG NOG + LACTOSE INTOLERANCE – DOORS OFF	+2
EGG NOG + LACTOSE INTOLERANCE – DOORS ON	+12
“JINGLE BELLS” SONG STUCK IN HEAD > 4 HOURS	+8
MISSING HOLIDAY CELEBRATION TO COVER A SHIFT	+10
KID’S CHRISTMAS LIST IS BIGGER THIS YEAR – PAYCHECK IS NOT	+14
DIET IN LAST 24 HOURS MAINLY COMPOSED OF CANDY CANES, PIE AND LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY STOLEN FROM YOUR CHILDREN	+15
SALE ON LASER LIGHT CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN YOUR AREA	+5
LEFTOVER THANKSGIVING TURKEY SMELLS FUNNY...BUT YOU’RE HUNGRY FOR TURKEY.	+18
A LATE CALL WHEN YOU WERE TRYING TO GET OFF EARLY TO GO TO YOUR KID’S HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL	+126
THE SANTA YOU WERE ASKED TO FLY TO A STATIC DISPLAY SMELLS LIKE BOURBON	+10
“WINTER WONDERLAND” WEATHER AT 3AM ON A CALLOUT	+15
TCAS DOES NOT PICK UP FLYING REINDEER	+12
HOLIDAY MEALS HAVE EXCEEDED THE RANGE OF THE VELCRO WAIST STRAPS ON YOUR FLIGHTSUIT	+18
KIDS WOKE YOU UP AT 4:30AM BECAUSE “SANTA WAS HERE!!!”	+20
TFO WEARS SANTA HAT INSTEAD OF HELMET	+1
SPENT THE DAY ASSEMBLING TOYS INSTEAD OF GETTING SLEEP FOR YOUR SHIFT	+45
BODY IS AT WORK, MIND IS AT HOME BY THE FIREPLACE	+100
YOU DID NOT LAUGH AT ANY OF THESE	+1000



There are no new ways to crash an aircraft...

...but there are new ways to keep them from crashing.

Safe hunting,

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