

### ORWG 2009 Training Plan Update (04 March 2009)

Now that we are into the month of March the pace and scope of our training exercises will be increasing. Just in this month we have 3 exercises planned, with many more coming between those and our EVAL by the Air Force in August. So here is a summary of how the schedule is shaping up. It is a good time to review it, both individually as well as at squadron and wing level, to see how we can make the most effective use of the training opportunities and funding while preparing for our very critical EVAL.

The list of planned exercises is as follows:

March	14,15	Support CAWG during their EVAL (Medford and Brookings squadrons)
	14,15	TTX to plan our participation in CASCADIA PERIL (at Aurora)
	25	Demonstrate speaker equipped airplane for Tsunami warning to Humboldt County CA (Medford and Brookings squadrons)
April	24 – 30	CASCADIA PERIL with ALO at ECC/JOC, ICP at Aurora, launches from local squadrons. Possible additional ALO, mission base staff activity week of July 6 <sup>th</sup> .
May	16,17	SAREX (Aurora)
June	13,14	SAREX (Medford)
	18-20	AMALGAM DART
July	11,12	SAREX (Aurora)
August	8,9	AF EVAL (Aurora)
Sept	12,13	MFC/SAREX (Pending available funds)

Note that all of our exercises in March and April involve demonstrating our capabilities to other CAP groups or to state and local agencies/entities. This also the case for the exercise in June, AMALGAM DART, a major AF exercise. Then finally we will have our EVAL. Each of these provides the opportunity to showcase what we can do. In some cases we will be observed by groups with whom we do not normally interact. This is a chance to build new relationships with them. The May, June and July SAREX's on the other hand will be focused on new and recurring training to hone our skills and prepare for the August EVAL.

In order to better prepare for these exercises I would ask that each Squadron Commander and/or ES Officer poll the squadron members to see who can commit to participation in CASCADIA PERIL and the EVAL and forward that information to me by March 20<sup>th</sup>. In order to be successful in these exercises we need to be well staffed not only for air and ground crews but for mission base staff as well. (During another GTE which I recently attended it was clear that there is an AF emphasis on the importance of the ALO, PSC and effective debriefing and planning updates to conduct these larger missions). I realize that things can change between now and then but we need a solid starting point to organize the staffing. Priority will then be given during the other exercises to insure that we train/prepare those members for the roles for which they have signed up. That should still leave ample opportunity for others to train during May, June and July. So feel free to contact me directly with any questions or inputs as to what you would like to individually accomplish during this training season. The more input I have the better I can plan on how to satisfy your objectives.

With so many exercises involving outside observers this will be a unique year. Done professionally it should lead to opening up requests for more live mission support from many of these other organizations.