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Civil Air Patrol's California Wing in Mourning

Aircraft Accident Near Whitman Airport with One Fatality

Los Angeles, Calif. – At approximately 11:45 a.m. (PST) a Civil Air Patrol, California Wing, Cessna 182T was involved in an accident near the Whitman Airport in Los Angeles. The sole Civil Air Patrol member on board did not survive the accident. At the request of the family, the member's name is being withheld.

"Our hearts go out to the family of the member involved, and to all of the volunteer Civil Air Patrol members in California Wing who diligently serve their state and country with pride and professionalism," said Col. Ross Veta, Commander of the California Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

The accident is being investigated by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board to determine the cause.

Civil Air Patrol's California Wing is comprised of more than 3,600 members in eight groups and 72 squadrons and wing units providing emergency services, cadet programs, and aerospace education. California Wing operates a fleet of 27 aircraft and 45 ground vehicles to perform these vital missions for our communities.

"The entire California Wing will keep this member's family in our hearts and prayers," said Veta.

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Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is a member of the Air Force's Total Force. In this role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 aircraft, performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center with saving more than 100 lives annually. CAP's more than 60,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. In addition, CAP plays a leading role in aerospace/STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to over 24,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs. Visit www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com or www.CAP.news for more information.