

MINNESOTA WING | 2024



This high-resolution aerial photo taken by a Minnesota Wing aircrew shows flooding near the Valleyfair Theme Park in Shakopee.

Minnesota Wing Provides Flooding Support in 2024

The Minnesota Wing's disaster relief support to the state in 2024 came into full focus with the June flooding. The wing conducted multiple flights, taking airborne photographs used to obtain a presidential disaster declaration in 22 counties.

Federal Emergency Management Agency authorities were impressed with the photographs' quality, said Col. Jason Suby, wing commander. "Our efforts even extended beyond our borders, helping Iowa with their flood photo missions as well," Suby added.

The support was a highlight of a solid year for the wing's emergency services program. "Not only have we improved our emergency service qualifications by 25% from last year, but we also improved many critical areas such as our airborne photography, drone, and search and rescue teams," Suby said. "This was accomplished through the hard work and training conducted by the dedicated members of the Minnesota

Wing, led by Chief Master Sgt. Donald Vance, our director of emergency services."

The wing has leveraged a web-based tracking system to help plan and control the use of its search and rescue teams. The system, also used by other search and rescue organizations, allows CAP to easily integrate into other operations. The wing also received a high-resolution camera system to enhance its aerial emergency services capabilities.

"Our presentation at the Minnesota Sheriff's Association Conference allowed us to showcase our capabilities," Suby said. "This cultivated a concrete relationship, leading to an expanded affiliation and more actual missing-person missions within multiple different counties."

The wing was chosen to receive the North Central Region's 2024 Search and Rescue Award, recognizing it as one of CAP's top performers in emergency services.

STATS 2024

MINNESOTA WING

Volunteer Members

846 adult members
797 cadets
142 aircrew personnel
1,020 emergency responders

Squadrons

30 locations statewide

Aircraft

17 single-engine
1 glider

Vehicles

26 vehicles

Interoperable Communications

18 VHF/FM repeaters
406 VHF/FM stations
42 HF stations

Missions

4 search and rescue missions
 1 life saved*
 2 finds*
** Includes life saved and finds credited with national team support*
2 CAP, Air Force ROTC, and Junior ROTC cadet orientation flight missions
3 other Air Force support missions
30 training missions
1 other state support mission
2 other missions in support of partner agencies and organizations or local municipalities

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2024

148th Fighter Wing low-level route survey
State flooding support

Cadet Flying

557 CAP, Air Force ROTC, and Junior ROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown

3,620

Financial

\$84,798 in state funding
\$7,439,193 value of wing's volunteer hours

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