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WING HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT 2010

2010 has seen improvements in Squadron HS&E Training using the HQAC CD Training Disc. I have received a number of training/awareness confirmation returns however, we still require Squadrons to continue training their staff and monitor the progress. I fully understand the pressures on Squadron's however, I again urge you to conform to the requirements.

During 2010 HQAC recruited HS advisers to cover the Region and a number of Squadron's have received the "visit" from Nichola Foster. Each visit as generated an HS &E report advising on your HS management as per ACP5. This included the training utilising the CD and the SMS. So far the feedback as been reasonably promising however, the Squadron's visited are aware what they need to do to conform to the regulations. More visits will be scheduled for 2011. I am receiving a few WSO HS reports when they are making routine visits to their respective Squadrons. All documents are sent to WHQ for auditing purposes by RHQ HS advisers so we need to continue this important process.

As part of the overall Wing L&D mandate and in conjunction with the Wing Training Team I have continued to deliver HS awareness training for Staff Development and Instructor Cadet Courses of which there were 6 courses during 2010. 75 Cadets and 3 Staff on BASIC and 40 Candidates on the Staff Development Courses.

I received 5 Form 492's for injuries to Cadets whilst on Camp and other activities which are down on 2009 statistically very good. Plus 1 for a member of Staff, which resulted in a RIDDOR. Local Area Activity Authority continues to be used by a few Squadrons however it is now being scaled down so that Squadron's can carry out their own RA's for activities and the decision is held at Squadron level. ACP 300 lists all the activities that are covered by ATC Indemnity Insurance which should assist Sqn's when deciding on participating in an activity.

A Risk Assessment Course was held 14 February 2010. It is hoped that we can arrange a further course during 2011. This course along with a photograph of the candidates was used in the HQAC Annual Report document which as Corps wide distribution.



Towards the end of 2010 the Wing launched the **Entry Level Awards** in H&S for Cadets. This Award is sponsored by the British Safety Council and in conjunction with HQAC is available to all Cadets enabling them to achieve an accredited and recognised Certificate in basic H&S awareness. Already the programme has attracted 3 Squadron's whose Cadets have now been registered.

2011 will be a challenging year for everyone, with the "Defence Review" despite this I am sure we will continue to provide a wide and varying range of activities for our Cadets and continue to promote and sustain a culture of safety within our work place.

SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT!

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