

# Civil Air Patrol Cadets Take Part In Drill To Rescue Downed Plane

Cadets from the Civil Air Patrol Delaware Valley Squadron participated in a day-long search-and-rescue exercise that challenged their training and abilities when faced with a simulated plane crash and a flood.

Participating from the squadron were cadets Stephen Pettit and Patrick Brennan of North Hunterdon High School and Donald Conway and Robert Regan of Hunterdon Central, accompanied by squadron senior members 1st Lt. Bill Pittenger and senior member Chris Casey of Readington Town-

ship and 2nd Lt. Friedo Meyer of Clinton Township and (Readington Township). They joined with 25 other CAP members, as well as CAP pilots, Community Emergency Response Teams, and other groups at the session in Piscataway.

The first mission was a down aircraft located at a local business. Homing in on the electronic locator transmitter (ELT) frequency, the emergency teams quickly located the plane and its passengers. The teams then moved to a park to aid in recovering 18 Girl Scouts and their leaders caught in a simu-

lated flood and were scattered around the area with imaginary injuries.

1st Lt. Pittenger was ground branch director of the exercise.

Civil Air Patrol, the Air Force Auxiliary, is a civilian, volunteer, nonprofit, service organization. Del Val Composite Squadron meets on Monday nights at Acorn Montessori School in Clinton Township.

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