Operational Security (OPSEC)

OPSEC is the basis for the protection of information that regardless of the designation, the loss or compromise of sensitive information could pose a threat to the operations or missions of the agency designating the information to be sensitive. All CAP members have had to complete OPSEC Training and sign the non-disclosure agreement to remain emergency services qualified since 30 March 2008. Training and signing the non-disclosure agreement can be completed on-line at: https://tests.capnhq.gov/opsec or via in residence courses provided at the local unit. Unit commanders or their designees will document completion of in residence training in Ops Quals and ensure copies of non-disclosure agreements signed on paper are placed in the member's personnel file and sent to unit commanders of other units participating in training from another unit, and originals are stored in a separate master file at the unit that conducted the training.   As defined by AFI 10-701, OPSEC is a process of identifying, analyzing and controlling critical information indicating actions to operations and other activities to:

- Identify those actions that can be observed by outside personnel.

- Determine what indicators adversary intelligence systems might obtain that could be interpreted or pieced together to derive critical information in time to be useful to adversaries.

- Select and execute measures that eliminate or reduce to an acceptable level the vulnerabilities of friendly actions to adversary exploitation.

- Sensitive information may not be released to anyone who does not have a valid "need to know".

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