

Civil Air Patrol Shows Off Emergency Response Air Capabilities

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The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) opened up two of its airplanes Thursday at Forbes Field as it showed off some of its cutting edge technology. Several CAP pilots provided demonstrations for representatives from the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.
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The aircraft, a Cessna 182 T with a Garmin G-1000 glass cockpit display and the Gippsland GA-8 with Hyperspectral imaging system, house state of the art Global Positioning Systems.

They are also stacked with satellite digital imaging systems which allow for instantaneous transmission of airborne photos via satellite downlink to the command post.

Direction finders were installed onto each plane to locate downed aircraft as well as many other tracking devices beneficial in search and rescue missions.

During the ice storms that plagued Kansas at the beginning of the year CAP flew more than 65 aircraft sorties during the first three days of January.