



## WINTER SURVIVAL SCHOOL PATCH

The emblem's colors are cold - white, gray, dark and light blue - representing the harsh winter elements that students of Minnesota Wing's Winter Survival School will have to face.

The disk is divided in two colors: Argent (White, #FFFFFF) on top representing the selfless virtues that a Civil Air Patrol volunteer has to help others in peril. Azure (Dark Blue, #00008B) on bottom representing the dedication of a Civil Air Patrol volunteer to the Emergency Services mission. This is also the color of Civil Air Patrol's Search and Rescue Award insignia.

The disk's divisional is an Electrocardiogram (EKG) line, symbolizing the importance of the school's students learning to maintain their physical and mental health in a survival situation. The heartbeats are Gules (Red, #C80000) representing the strength and vigor students must put forth to overcome many challenges to graduate from the school. The heartbeats also form three groups of icicles: a single one on the left, a pair in the middle, then a single one on the right. The icicles pay homage to Hutchinson Composite Squadron (MN-121) which started the Winter Survival school in 2003.

At the top of the disk, the letter "L" three times in a row is the ground-to-air communications signal for "Mission Accomplished".

The school is a Minnesota Wing activity. The map of Minnesota in the center of the disk identifies this, and encompasses the many training locations and students the school serves. The map is Light Azure (Deep Sky Blue, #00BFFF) representing the sky and Civil Air Patrol as an aviation-based organization.

The two snow covered pine trees at the disk's base symbolize the skills students learn to use in a survival situation. Many of these skills have to do with knowing how to take advantage of what nature provides in order to meet basic human necessities.

Centered at the bottom of the disk is a red tri-prop inside a white triangle, which is original Civil Air Patrol organizational emblem.

The curriculum of the school is on the two tabs: "WINTER SURVIVAL" on top, and "SEARCH & RESCUE" on the bottom. A Gray (#808080) border encompasses the emblem, representing the professionalism and dependability of trained Civil Air Patrol search & rescue personnel.

Approved

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