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Dear CAP Member,

The Department of Transportation took steps late last week to ban all Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phones from all commercial aviation operations. If you have not read the [DOT's press release](#), please do. After consultation with our leadership team and the National Commander, CAP is taking the prudent step of not allowing these phones on board CAP Aircraft from this point forward.

Please consider these phones hazardous cargo whether turned on or off.

Remind crewmembers to make passengers aware prior to boarding CAP aircraft that hazardous cargo like these phones is not allowed on board, and give them the opportunity to place it somewhere safe prior to flight, but it cannot be brought on board even if powered down.

If any crewmember sees a passenger is in possession of a Samsung Galaxy Note 7 while flying in a CAP aircraft, they are expected to instruct the passenger to power off the device, not use or charge the device while aboard the aircraft, protect the device from accidental activation, including disabling any features that may turn on the device like alarm clocks, and keep the device on their person, not in seat back pockets, nor in any carry-on baggage, for the duration of the sortie.

Please make this an emphasis item for all personnel within your areas of responsibility as well though since some may not see it.

This is also a good time to review what can and cannot be brought on board general aviation aircraft in general. The regulation concerning transportation of hazardous materials aboard aircraft can be found in 49 CFR Part 175. AOPA also has a very informative webpage that discusses this topic at: <https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/active-pilots/safety-and-technique/operations/transportation-of-hazardous-materials>. Flying units especially are encouraged to review this topic as one of their next safety briefings.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

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