



IMPORTANT NOTICE



Courtesy of the (Your Squadron's Name) Squadron, Civil Air Patrol

Beginning February 1, 2009 the Search and Rescue Satellite (SARSAT) will no longer be monitoring frequencies 121.5 or 243 for ELTs. This system is being replaced by the newer, more accurate 406 MHz ELTs. There are a few things you can do to help us in our mission:

1. Replace your 121.5/243 ELT with a newer model that transmits the 406 MHz frequency.
2. While flying, periodically check 121.5/243 and listen for the tone (will sound like a siren). If you hear the tone, please notify ATC immediately. They will ask for your location, altitude, and strength of signal (does it get softer/louder as you fly your route?).
3. If you happen to have a rough landing, please check 121.5/243 before shutting down your aircraft to be sure your ELT is not sounding. If it is, please reset it to avoid false alarms.

Thank you for your support in our continuing mission to serve you. Remember, after February 1st, the only way to know if one of us is in trouble, is to be vigilant and listen out. The sooner we know an ELT is going off, the better the chance we have of saving a life.

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