



## **Critical Incident Response Program (CIRP) Flight Test Network - Peer Support now available**

The peer support network for flight test professionals has recently been revitalized. CIRP has been used by SFTE and SETP for our test operations using our trained test pilots and FTEs to assist in lessening stress reactions. A “critical incident” is any event that has a stressful impact sufficient enough to overwhelm the usually effective coping skills of either an individual or a group. Peer volunteers are trained in structured defusing and debriefing techniques that help pilots, engineers, and their families more effectively deal with their normal reactions to an abnormal event. This time-critical, peer-based support accelerates recovery from those events before harmful stress reactions damage job performance, careers, families, personal life, and health. CIRP is beneficial not just for catastrophic events but also for more common ones that may trigger a reaction or response.

For peer support, please contact James Sergeant F [james.sergeant2@outlook.com](mailto:james.sergeant2@outlook.com) (817) 999-0391 or Kris "WigB" Rorberg (AF) [wigb81@gmail.com](mailto:wigb81@gmail.com) (318) 780-6177 who will coordinate with a trained peer to contact you.

In addition to the recently created CIRP Flight Test Network described above, SETP has a Critical Incident Response Committee (CIRC) that was established in 2013. SETP’s CIRC provides and coordinates, when possible, support for families and peer groups following flight test-related accidents. SETP liaises with aviation industry professionals with extensive experience in post-accident grief counseling to provide basic certification for peer-to-peer coaching in the event of a critical incident. CIRC has developed a growing network of personnel trained to provide peer-to-peer support for colleagues and for the families of Members injured or killed in aircraft accidents. The members of SETP's CIRC assist in identifying the needs of members' organizations and families, resources available to meet those needs, and coordinate efforts to provide these resources to the best of their ability. Further details on the SETP CIRC can be found here on the SETP website:

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