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MESSAGE SENT ON BEHALF OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

An Air Force Academy cadet died earlier today.

Academy personnel found the cadet unconscious early Sept. 15 in his dormitory room. Paramedics were summoned immediately, revived the cadet, and transported him to Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs.

The cadet died early Thursday morning.

The Commandant of Cadets informed the Cadet Wing of the death today at breakfast formation.

The name of the cadet is being withheld – per DOD Instructions – until 24 hours after notification of next of kin.

“The Academy family is deeply saddened by the death of one of our own. Our heart-felt condolences go out to the family and friends of our cadet,” said Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, Superintendent of the Air Force Academy. “Our Air Force family is grieving this loss, and we are committed to helping the family through this extremely difficult time.”

Counseling services are available from several agencies, including the Academy chaplains at 333-2636; and the 10<sup>th</sup> Medical Group’s Mental Health clinic at 333-5177/78, the Military One Source at 1-800-342-9647, and the Military Family Life consultants at 719-358-1468. In the cadet squadrons, counseling is also available from the Peak Performance Center, 333-2107, as well as each squadron’s PEER representatives, and via the PEER hotline at 330-5929.

The cause of the death is under investigation.

Academy personnel are coordinating funeral arrangements with the cadet’s family.

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