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Item #1 - UPT Product Improvement Notice

United Parachute Technologies (formerly the Uninsured Relative Workshop), after analyzing a recent tandem fatality, has issued a notice that deals with two different modifications to their Sigma and Vector harness container systems. Modifications are recommended for all Vector and Sigma harness/container systems equipped with a Collins lanyard, the Skyhook reserve deployment system, and an Automatic Activation Device.

They are recommending the modifications be performed on all Sigma Tandem and student systems by the next reserve inspection/repack cycle.

The first recommended modification involves installing a reserve staging loop. The loop consists of a piece of bungee cord into which a bight of reserve bridle is to be inserted to hold one of the reserve container flaps closed until the bridle reaches full extension. This procedure also involves installation of an extra grommet in the reserve flap.

The second recommended modification is a split reserve static line. The split RSL, while maintaining a single connection to the right main riser, isolates the Collins lanyard function from the other two RSL functions of the Skyhook release system, making an inadvertent left side release far less likely.

UPT will ship retrofit kits for the cost of shipping. Installation instructions and other needed information is available on their website <www.uptvector.com> or call +1 386 736-7589.

Item #2 – Safety Awareness Day

April 4th (of other day of your choice) has been assigned as Safety Awareness Day for 2009. It will also be time for the semi-annual reserve inspection/repack. Get involved in getting everyone at your dropzone current for the new season!

Barry McAuley – Chair
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