



STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY



Department of Marine Safety and Environmental Protection DC-M 2003 NACON OPCOM Report

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Department of Marine Safety and Environmental Protection continues working on objectives that include the TRIDENT Training Program, MSO-Augmentation and Harbor Safety/Waterway Management Support. Our short- and medium-term focus is concentrated on Auxiliary Maritime Homeland Security, Operation Patriot Readiness III and Maritime Domain Awareness support activities. These tasks create challenges and opportunities to constructively work together between our Department, the Department of Operations, as well as the RBS and PS Directorates.

1. Communications and Education Division:

- A. The TRIDENT TRAINING PROGRAM, subsequent to receipt of the ALCOAST for Auxiliary Personnel Qualification Standards (PQs), completed a Personnel Qualifications Standard Study Guide for the Auxiliary Marine Safety Administrative & Management Specialist PQS, developed a TRIDENT Training and Marketing Policy, distributed TRIDENT Bulletin #005 with guidelines and the communications path to obtain letters of designation for PQs and the criteria for obtaining the Certificate of Award and the Auxiliary M-Device.

Future objectives: Electronic Testing and Certification of required PQS-Resource Material Questions; creation of AUX PQS Study Guides and creation of REC PQs. **Estimated Completion-January 2004.**

- B. Since the TRIDENT TRAINING PROGRAM was launched in February 2003 to date, the following number of members have taken and passed required courses:

182 The Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Course
203 The GOOD MATE Course
560 The ICS-100 Course
10 members have applied for award of the AUX M-Device

- C. AUXDATA Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Missions Statistics, by hours reported:

CY 2000	15,005
CY 2001	13,544
CY 2002	63,324 (These numbers are highly suspect due to the AUXMIS/AUXDATA Conversion)
CY 2003	35,784 (Year to date 15 July 2003) 71,568 (Projected for full Year 2003)

- D. OPRIII Task Objectives: Joint activities with Operations Department personnel to create a system (actively using AUXDATA to organize, collect and analyze Operation Patriot Readiness data, including location of personnel, assets and CG needs. **In process.**

- E. Reviewed and up-dated all the Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Department Position Descriptions and integrated 16 new staff members to fill vacant and new positions.

2. Strategic Planning Division:

- A. Reorganized functions of the Division staff; created new position descriptions to support new initiatives and objectives in connection with Auxiliary Maritime Homeland Security, Emergency Response and Maritime Domain Awareness, as well as Maritime Transportation Security Act Compliance administrative support.
- B. Established the position of Branch Chief, Operational Readiness and Planning, representing the Operations Department as a member of the Strategic Planning Division reporting to the DC-Od and DVC-MP, to facilitate joint Operations and Marine Safety initiatives and objectives.
- C. Auxiliary Waterways Management Coordinator (AWMC) Pilot Program: finalized the appointment of three AWMCs and commenced replacement of the AWMC-MSO-San Francisco, who had to resign for personal reasons. Scheduled a meeting of AWMCs of MSOs Tampa, Houston/Galveston and Providence with the DVC-MP and DC-M at NACON 2003, to review the status and future of the Pilot Program.
- D. Providing extensive support to joint OMS objectives in support of emergency response planning, waterways watch outreach and security patrol activity planning to meet established time lines. Developing guidelines for the establishment of a chain of communication for Areas and Districts for surge operations.

3. Marine Safety Division:

- A. Providing support to joint OMS objectives in support of Maritime Domain Awareness Training.
- B. Developing an Uninspected Passenger Vessel (UPV) Examination Survey which will be carried out in cooperation with the VE Department. **To be completed by 30 November 2003.**
- C. Developing two Regional Examination Center Support PQSs. Draft versions will be delivered to G-MRP-3 by **30 November 2003.**

4. Marine Environmental Protection Division:

- A. Coordinating with DVC-MP to include pollution response planning in emergency response planning objectives and guidelines.
- B. Developing and coordinating the establishment of MOUs and MOAs with Environmental Protection stakeholders via G-MOS-4 in order to further Auxiliary involvement and support activities.
- C. Completed revision of staff position descriptions and integration of new staff members to fill vacant positions.
- D. Working with the Communications and Education Division to develop a study guide for Pollution Response and Investigation PQSs, **To be completed January 2004.**

5. Commercial Vessel Examination Division:

- A. Undertaking review of the program for national recognition of CFV Examiners.
- B. Putting into effect a procedure for eliminating the differences between USCG and Auxiliary CFVS examination statistics.
- C. Arranged for the first CFVS "C" School to be conducted in the Pacific Northwest.

- D. Launched a new CFVS Newsletter "Safe at Sea" for all Examiners and other interested parties in order to share best practices and generate increased interest in the program.

6. Other activities:

- A. Conducted a semi-annual meeting of DVCs at USCG HQ to review our programs and set objectives for the remainder of the year.
- B. Added Mission 70U to the Auxiliary Form 7030 in order to report to the USCG MS-Directorate hours dedicated to PQS qualification.
- C. Conducted a meeting at MSO-Miami with senior staff of the Department to refine departmental goals and policies and devoted time to familiarize new staff members BC-MPR, BC-MPO and BA-MPO with their assignments and department policy.
- D. Increased the staff of the Department to better meet the needs of the Auxiliary membership and the USCG by using the "Want Ad" capability of AUXWEB.
- E. Senior Staff of the MSEP-Department maintained contact with CG HQ and responded to Customer needs.

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