

Department of Marine Safety & Environmental Protection

Executive Summary

January 2007

The M Department suffered a decrease of approximately 5000 hours from 2005. While the areas of Uninspected Commercial Vessel and Marine Environmental Protection showed an increase of approximately 6000 hours, certain areas of Marine Safety were down significantly – approximately 11,400 hours. The decrease in the Marine Safety area appears to be related to two general areas – Disaster Response Support (down 6000 hours) and Marine Safety-related patrols (down 8000 hours). The decrease in Disaster Response Support is likely due to Katrina occurring in 2005 and, thankfully, no similar disaster in 2006. The decrease in Marine Safety-related patrols is likely due to the effects of Operation Neptune Shield reclassifying Harbor Patrols as law enforcement missions.

CY 2006 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Obtained final approval of the proposed Auxiliary Commercial Fishing Uninspected Vessels Policies & Procedures Guidelines
- REC Surge Support project begun
- New AWW Program materials and videos
- Fully engaged in planning and exercise design efforts leading up to SONS07
- Worked with the Information Services Department to include Auxiliary PQSs approved in 2005 and Coast Guard PQSs applicable to the “M Pro” pin in AUXDATA to better meet our members’ and Coast Guard data needs.

CY 07 PROJECTS

- Monitor compliance with the Auxiliary Commercial Fishing Vessel Policies & Procedures Guidelines
- Participate in the planning and execution of the Coast Guard’s Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety and Survivability Training Pilot
- REC Surge Support Project
- Revision of Personal Qualification Standards and other training materials
- Develop initiatives to encourage Auxiliary support of contingency planning including qualification to assist with Coast Guard contingency planning, working with Coast Guard units to include the Auxiliary in their contingency plans and encouraging Auxiliary units to develop their own contingency plans.
- Increase AWW visibility among Auxiliary programs and with other partners including state and local agencies
- Develop improved and expanded techniques for inserting marine environmental concerns/actions into our diverse Auxiliary mission activities.



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Mission statement:

The Marine Safety and Environmental Protection ("M") Department is responsible for the planning and administration of Auxiliary programs to support the Coast Guard's Marine Safety and Marine Environmental Protection ("M") Directorate's Programs. This includes support for such things as: marine environmental response assistance, port safety and security compliance inspections, commercial vessel safety and security compliance inspections (Uninspected Tow Vessel, Uninspected Passenger Vessel, Commercial Fishing Vessel Examinations and other Foreign and Domestic Vessels), container inspection assistance, mariner licensing/documentation/course audits, public affairs, area contingency planning, waterways management, Maritime Domain Awareness/America's Waterways Watch, Maritime Information System Law Enforcement (MISLE) support, and environmental education.

SHORT TERM GOALS

- Maximize coordination with other Auxiliary Departments to include AWW, environmental and other M-related mission information in their programs.
- Strive to maintain up-to-date materials consistent with rapidly changing Coast Guard and Auxiliary needs.
- Continually work with Coast Guard counterparts to identify areas where Auxiliary can backfill or reduce workloads to free active duty to perform other duties.

CY 2006 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Obtained final approval of the proposed Auxiliary Commercial Fishing Uninspected Vessels Policies & Procedures Guidelines. In 2005 the Commercial Vessel Division of the "M" Department developed a policy and procedure guideline document to help ensure standardization of activities in the Auxiliary Commercial Fishing Vessel Examination program across the country. The Policy Letter was signed by CAPT Karr 19 July 2006

- REC Surge Support – The MS Division added a branch to support Regional Examination Center surge operation needs. This branch is responsible for encouraging Auxiliary support of Regional Examination Centers during their surge needs while all Merchant Mariners are required to appear at RECs to give fingerprints and present identification. This branch also facilitates sharing of Best Practices.
- AWW Program Materials: Beginning last fall, all materials were reviewed and a decision was made by the AWW project office to consolidate the brochures and decals into one image which presents a consistent message. Stocks of the previous materials are being used until they run out. Stocks of the new materials, which display the AWW logo have been reprinted with some minor changes. Adequate stocks of materials are currently in place to support the next 12 to 18 months. A Spanish language brochure has been printed. New supplies of wallet cards were also printed and available. Also, a new smaller poster, waterproof, for use dockside and in marinas has been developed. A new item added last fall is a literature bag with the AWW message printed on it. New program and training DVDs were prepared and are available from ANSC. The new program video is 6 minutes in length and the Train the Trainer video is about 16 minutes. They both feature an introduction by the Commandant.
- Fully engaged in planning and exercise design efforts leading up to SONS07. Attended the Initial Planning Conference in November 2005, the Middle Planning Conference in February 2006 and the October 2006 Conference. Provided comprehensive reports of these meetings along with detailed suggestions for how the Auxiliary can best engage in this drill.
- Worked with the Information Services Department to ensure all approved Auxiliary Personal Qualification Standards are included in AUXDATA. We continue to work on determining the most appropriate method of tracking Coast Guard qualifications. We are also working together to reduce the number of mission categories to simplify reporting requirements for Auxiliarists while meeting the information needs of our Coast Guard counterparts.

CY 07 PROJECTS

- **Monitor compliance with the Auxiliary Commercial Fishing Vessel Policies & Procedures Guidelines**
Now that the Policies and Procedures Guidelines are in effect we need to monitor how they are being implemented in the field.

STATUS: On-going
- **Participate in the planning and execution of the Coast Guard's Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety and Survivability Training Pilot**

Participate in the planning and execution of the Coast Guard's Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety and Survivability Training Pilot in District 5. Discussion and coordination between CVE division and District 5 CFV Coordinator is underway to initiate the training pilot plan. Timing of the pilot will be dependent upon District 5 CFV Coordinator and CVE Division schedule.

STATUS: 50% complete. Planning completed; implementation dependent on CFV Coordinator schedule.

- **REC Surge Support Project**

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STATUS: Currently 76 Auxiliarists are actively supporting the Regional Examination Centers. The Branch Chief has been unable to determine if a Coordinator has been appointed for REC Memphis. All other RECs requesting assistance have Auxiliary Coordinators assigned. Response by RECs varies widely from "unsure of Auxiliary use" to very enthusiastic.

- **Revision of Personal Qualification Standards and other training materials**

Three projects, renaming of Port State Boarding Team Assistant, update of MEES PQS and updating of PQSs to add elements related to MTSA, have been put on hold at the request of G-PC pending finalization of changes to Coast Guard Qualification Standards. The updates to the Coast Guard standards were anticipated to be completed by November 2006. At that time, revisions to Auxiliary PQSs to bring them in alignment with new Coast Guard standards will be begun.

In addition, work continues on revision of the Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection course. Now that Coast Guard Headquarters appears to have finished their realignment and naming structure changes, work can continue on this project.

STATUS: On hold at request of CG Headquarters G-PC pending changes to CG qualifications. Target completion of project is 2nd quarter 2007.

- **Develop initiatives to encourage Auxiliary support of contingency planning including qualification to assist with Coast Guard contingency planning, working with Coast Guard units to include the Auxiliary in their contingency plans and encouraging Auxiliary units to develop their own contingency plans.**

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita demonstrated the increasing need for contingency planning within the Auxiliary. Many Auxiliarists have civilian and/or military

backgrounds in this area that can be utilized not only by the Auxiliary in developing their own plans, but also by the Coast Guard to assist with their planning activities. In addition, it became apparent in some areas that the Auxiliary was not written into the contingency plans of the active duty, or that the Auxiliary was not aware of what was expected of them.

Emergency Response planning has, for many years, been a responsibility of the "M" Department; however, emphasis has been on responding rather than planning. During the reorganization of the Department, renewed emphasis has been placed on Contingency Planning. A new position for a Branch Chief for Contingency Planning was created. This position has been filled. Primary emphasis for this position at this time is with SONS 2007

In addition, the M Department is working with the O Department to create an OMS Directorate website which emphasizes Contingency Planning.

STATUS: 30% complete. BC for Contingency Planning has been filled.. OMS website became active in August 2006.

- **Increase AWW visibility among Auxiliary programs and with other partners including state and local agencies**

Continue to work with A, B, O, and V Departments to increase public awareness of America's Waterway Watch. In addition, we have been approached by the Power Squadron to have a booth at their National Conference in February and will continue to have booths at the International Boating and Water Safety Summit and NASBLA conferences.

We will build on contacts made with Boating Law Administrators at their fall 2006 meeting where the proposal was made to include AWW materials in mailings of boater registration materials.

STATUS: On-going

- **Develop improved and expanded techniques for inserting marine environmental concerns/actions into our diverse Auxiliary mission activities.**

This will be an on-going effort beginning with developing member training materials on the nature of the marine environment, the range of man-made problems and mitigation techniques.

STATUS: On-going

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Tasks Completed	LANTAREA	PACAREA	United States Coast Guard
ASSISTANT CONTAINER INSPECTOR	4	3	7
ASSISTANT FACILITIES INSPECTOR	13	5	18
ASSISTANT HARBOR SAFETY SPECIALIST	161	34	195
ASSISTANT LIFERAFT INSPECTOR	10	8	18
ASSISTANT POLLUTION INVESTIGATOR	24	6	30
ASSISTANT POLLUTION RESPONSE SPECIALIST	46	5	51
AUXILIARY ASSISTANT CONTINGENCY PREPAREDNESS SPECIALIST	4	0	4
AUXILIARY ASSISTANT LICENSE AND DOCUMENTATION EVALUATOR	2	0	2
AUXILIARY ASSISTANT LICENSE AND DOCUMENTATION EXAMINER	2	1	3
AUXILIARY PORT STATE CONTROL BOARDING TEAM ASSISTANT	2	2	4
AUXILIARY PORT STATE CONTROL DISPATCHER	1	1	2
AUXILIARY UNINSPECTED TOWING VESSEL EXAMINER	7	2	9
MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST	29	9	38
MARINE SAFETY ADMINISTRATIVE & MGMT SPECIALIST	87	29	116
MARINE SAFETY WATCHSTANDER	11	0	11
PORT STATE CONTROL BOARDING TEAM ASSISTANT	1	0	1
UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSEL EXAMINER	74	30	104
PQS/JQR	632	180	812

Tasks Completed	LANTAREA	PACAREA	United States Coast Guard
GOOD MATE COURSE	865	265	1130
INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM LEVEL 300	338	118	456
INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM LEVEL 400	45	15	60
INITIAL INDOCTRINATION TO MARINE SAFETY (IIMS) COURSE	92	30	122
INTRODUCTION TO MARINE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	678	229	907
Professional Development	70585	19087	89672
INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM LEVEL 100	11348	2493	13841
INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM LEVEL 200	7698	1705	9403
INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM LEVEL 210	0	55	55
INTRO TO NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS IS-700)	9246	2002	11248
INTRO TO NATIONAL RESPONSE PLAN (NRP IS-800)	6370	1370	7740