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N-TRAIN 2003 and the TRIDENT Program

The year started with a bang with the presentation of the new TRIDENT Program to the DSOs-MS at the two and one-half day annual training session, N-TRAIN 2003 held last month in St. Louis, Missouri. Although the temperature outside was chilly, the reception given the Program was warm indeed. We covered in great detail all the components of the Program that can lead a member to the award of the Trident "M" device signifying his or her competence in the "M" field – much as the USCG "M"-Pro device.

The "Three Points of the Trident"

The program has three "points of the Trident": **First** is the taking and passing of an Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Course followed by the "Good Mate" Course and a new course that the USCG is writing at this moment covering Port Operations and Marine Inspection. Until the new course is published, the requirement for its completion will be waived for members who have completed all other requirements for the Trident "M" device. **Second** is the completion of four years of at least

96 hours of "M" activities each year as reported in AUXDATA. Certifications may be obtained for hours that were previously reported on Form 7029. **Third** is qualifying in at least four of the eleven Auxiliary Personal Qualification Standards (PQs) or authorized USCG PQs. The Trident Program is a serious undertaking for members seeking the Trident "M" device; but all members are encouraged to partake of the training opportunity to increase their "M" skills so as to be able to support Team Coast Guard as the active force turns its attention more to Homeland Security missions. Care is to be taken to ensure that we train and qualify our members in the fields in which the USCG needs our support. Those needs can best be determined by Flotilla and Division Senior Officers communicating openly and frankly with the Groups, Stations, MSOs and MSDs.

Where to find More Details

The Trident program is available on the National Training Center's exceptionally user-friendly web site, <http://www.auxetrain.org/> and additional details are available on the "What's New" page of AUXWEB and the "M" Department's pages on AUXWEB. Up-Date Bulletins are

posted as improvements and changes are made to the program in order to keep everyone up to speed.

“M” Missions and AUXDATA

“M” activities are now easier to report to AUXDATA as a result of some changes. The Form 7038 has been redesigned to reflect the exams and hours for all types of vessel examinations – from the VSC to the UPV and others. All but the VSCs and OPFAC inspections will be credited to the “M” area. The Form 7030 also has been radically redesigned – from the two “M” missions that could be reported on the old form, we are now able to capture 34 different “M” missions on the new form. The old form is now obsolete and the new one is now available on-line from the “Forms” page of AUXWEB.

New Appointments

Two new appointments were made in the “M” Department at N-TRAIN: John Cooper, formerly chief of the Special Projects Division, has been named Deputy Department Chief. David Hand, formerly Branch Chief of Training Support has been appointed Division Chief to replace Cooper. Ron DeLaby has been named Acting Branch Chief for Training Support.

Watch the Web!

A lot is happening in the “M” world and we suggest that you keep an eye on our web pages to stay abreast of all the changes! Remember that your DSO-MS is your first point of contact for all things relating to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection programs or questions.

Need to Contact the “M” Department?

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