

OPERATIONAL PLAN

DISTRICT 11N



2017 - 2018

OPERATIONAL PLAN – District 11 North – 2017-2018

1. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of District 11 North (D11N) directly reflects the Auxiliary's mission as delineated in the National Strategic Plan:

- To promote and improve Recreational Boating Safety (RBS)
- To provide a diverse array of specialized skills, trained crews, and capable facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways, and coastal regions
- To support Coast Guard operational, administrative, and logistical requirements

The “Watch Words” of D11N for 2017 – 2018 are:

- ✓ Excellence
- ✓ Energy
- ✓ Efficiency

These will be the foundation from which all operations, missions, and activities are executed.

2. OPERATIONAL PLAN BACKGROUND

In any District Plan, both the Operational Plan of the Sector and the Strategic Plan of the Auxiliary National Commodore should be incorporated. In researching the Sector San Francisco Operational Plan, it was determined that there is no current Operational Plan. Such a plan was under development three years ago, however, the effort was abandoned when the officer heading the project transferred from the Sector.

3. D11N OPERATIONAL PLAN ADDRESSES

- a) Current operational status
- b) Future operational planning
- c) Contingency planning
- d) Focus on “Mission” and “Vision”

3a. CURRENT OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

D11N supports the Coast Guard in a myriad of ways and, most importantly, supports the Auxiliary's primary mission of RBS. In 2016, D11N members recorded over 185,000 volunteer hours with the top five AUXDATA categories consisting of:

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| ✓ Recreational Boating Safety | 118,334 |
| ✓ Marine Patrols / Search & Rescue | 32,267 |
| ✓ CG Operational Support | 9,950 |

- ✓ Public Affairs 4,801
- ✓ Vessel Safety Checks 2,393

All of the core missions outlined in the National Strategic Plan have been and will continue to be supported by D11N personnel. Those core missions include:

- Academy Introduction Mission
- Administrative Support to the Coast Guard
- Aids to Navigation
- America’s Waterway Watch Program (AWW)
- Bridge Administration
- Contingency Preparedness
- Merchant Mariner Licensing
- Operational Support to the Coast Guard (OPS)
- Port Safety and Security
- Public Affairs
- Public Education
- Recruiting
- Search and Rescue
- Training for Sea Cadets and Sea Scouts
- Inspections of commercial vessels
- Waterways Management

3b. FUTURE OPERATIONAL PLAN

The 2017 – 2018 Operational Plan is to continue, and to expand upon, the high level of support of Coast Guard operations with an emphasis on member training to better fulfill the current missions and roles therein. Additional training will be developed as mission needs evolve. Some of the areas that will be focused upon are:

- Paddlesport Safety
- Leadership Development
- Interpreter Corps
- Auxiliary University Program
- Enhance Public Education (see below)

Leadership Development is at the forefront of planned training. To that end, all newly elected Flotilla Commanders are invited on reimbursable orders to attend the annual D11N Elected Officers Training each November. This D11N-developed 8-Hr program is designed to provide a foundation for incoming FCs. Furthermore, the Flotilla Leadership Course (Residential) is offered annually at the Fall PCA Fair. We offer this because we believe it is far more effective

than the on-line version. Additionally, as it has in the past, D11N will continue to offer leadership C-Schools whenever possible to wit: AUXLAMs 2013, 2014, 2015 x 2, 2016; and AMLOC in 2016.

D11N is fortunate to have a strong cadre of leaders consisting of skilled and dedicated District Staff Officers (DSO). Several have been in office for many years. Those that continue to excel in their fields of expertise are continuing in their roles. Several have been replaced. This is directly in line with the District's "Leadership Philosophy" of appointing the best people and letting them do their jobs.

Public Education traditionally has been a foundation for success in the RBS field. The State of California recently passed a bill that will go into effect next year that requires a "Vessel Operator Card" for all vessel operators. While we believe that the State will accept our PE courses to satisfy the education requirement for licensing, the District is actively working to assure that this will be the case. At the time of this writing, it is understood that NASBLA approved courses will be accepted but that is yet to be confirmed.

The two Sectors within D11N, including all small boat and station units, are undergoing a GAP Analysis to determine 'needs' that the Auxiliary can support. The two primary needs that have emerged thus far are Food Service and Watchstanding. Planning is already underway that will increase the number of qualified members in these specialties to better support local unit needs. As additional needs are recognized through GAP Analysis, every effort will be made to provide the requested support.

3c. CONTINGENCY PLANNING

Sector San Francisco is developing a comprehensive CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN (COOP) - a.k.a. Disaster Planning - to maximize Sector operations assets and personnel when there is a sudden surge demand and additional resources are desirable, and/or when the usual Sector operations assets and personnel are not all available due to a local disaster (earthquake, tsunami, terrorist incident). The D11N Auxiliary is being requested to augment the Sector in four primary missions. "Workgroups" have been established in these specific areas:

- Berthing
- Emergency Transportation
- Communications
- Medical

The first order of business is to determine feasibility of executing the tasking of each mission group. Below is an outline of requested tasking for each mission group.

Berthing

- Auxiliarists, primarily in the SF Bay Area, to provide emergency housing in their homes for Sector CG personnel for up to 72 hours

Vessel Transport

- Provide Auxiliary operational facilities to transport Sector CG personnel in the event of a major disruption in public transportation and/or infrastructure

Communications

- Provide communications support for VHF-FM and HF operability in the event that normal operating communications routing is disrupted.

Medical

- Provide first responder support for CG personnel in the event of a local disaster

Planning is actively underway and expectations are high from Sector that significant progress will be made in a short amount of time (weeks to a couple of months). There have been committee face-to-face meetings and webinars to review progress ... the first meeting was held on 09 May. As the COOP evolves, the D11N Auxiliary stands ready to implement missions and support as requested.

3d. VISION

The “Vision” is to support and train the Auxiliary’s greatest asset: Human Capital. We will continue to be:

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary – the best trained, most valued maritime volunteer organization in the world – highly effective during normal operations and ready for emergencies.

4. SUMMARY

Throughout the Operational Planning process, the primary missions of the Auxiliary per the National Strategic Plan, as noted in Paragraph 1, will remain in the forefront.