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District 11 Northern Region**
Serving Northern California, Nevada, Utah



Date: July 2015
To: EXCOM, District Board/Staff
From: D11N RESPONSE TEAM (ASC, DSO-AV, DSO-CM, DSO-OP)
Subject: D11N RESPONSE Report/ Respectfully Submitted

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CWO Colin D. Langeslay

CWO Thomas Moore

CWO Matthew D. James (OTO REPORT)

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ASC-SECTOR HUMBOLDT REPORT – CARL PIERCE

DSO-AV REPORT- LARRY OLSON

DSO-CM REPORT-COMO M. WILLIAMS

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2015 FLIGHT HOURS

2015 FIXED & LAND MOBILE

2015 UNDERWAY BOAT HOURS

2015 OPERATIONS EVENT CALENDAR

CWO Colin D. Langeslay, AUXLO, SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO:

AOM COMMENTS:

As always I appreciate you getting the word out to the masses, and I am asking for your help with this one also. Due to changes in how I am required to capture/share patrol intentions, preferred format in the comments section should look something like the below. Bracketed items are examples or explanation, your description should be specific to your patrols. The below numerical list should be written as is.

1. PATROL TYPE – (01A MOM, 02 Regatta, ETC)
2. RADIO GUARD: (CG Station, GOV agency, land mobile, who has your radio guard)
3. OTHER AUX: (Working with name of other AUX Facility, or none or UNK)
4. OGA/CG: (Other GOV agencies, county, State, helos, who are you working with?)
5. TIME: (0900-1600) (Hours you expect to be engaged in operations)
6. COXSWAIN/OPERATOR: (name plus cell contact number on facility)
7. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS – (guests or conducting 2 boat drills with Station ---?)
8. If Guest Liability Release is to be attached please state so.
9. AFTER ACTION: (cases, QE's name if on board, time changes of crew)

When in doubt, just reach out! There are numerous "Seasoned Veterans" in the Auxiliary throughout our area that can assist you with questions, concerns, and general information so do not hesitate to ask. As always, safety is our number one priority.

Thanks for all you do, and please be safe out there!

v/r, ~CDL

CWO Curtis Barthel, AUXLO, SECTOR HUMBOLDT:

CWO Thomas J. Moore will be the incoming AUXLO for SECTOR Humboldt. Please give him a hardy welcome upon his arrival.

CWO Matthew D. James (OTO REPORT)

Local Units' Hazard/Caution Areas

I'm still working to collect excerpts from our local stations' Navigation Standards. Once I have them, I will make them available on the Response Web Page so that you can download them for reference. I strongly recommend you add their command-approved waypoints in to your GPS units and navigate with them at night or in periods of low visibility. This will be an ongoing project here in D11.

Heat Stress and Hot Weather Safety

Those of you participating in operational activities need to be aware of the dangers of too much exposure to the sun/heat and what preventative measures to take in order to avoid falling victim to heat stress. Intense heat and sunlight can increase crew fatigue and reduce mission effectiveness. Overexposure to the sun/heat can manifest itself in many forms:

1. Sunburn- Regularly apply sunscreen to exposed skin. Maximize available shade, minimize exposure to direct sunlight. Wear polarized sunglasses. Coxswains are advised to periodically moor when possible to allow your crew to take a shade and hydration break. Treat sunburn with a cool, wet towel applied to the affected area. Over the counter sprays and lotions may offer temporary relief.
2. Dehydration- An adequate fluid intake is essential to remain hydrated while underway or supporting operations. Begin hydrating early, before your operational period begins. I typically drink 8-12OZ of water in the morning prior to my morning coffee and work through a 32OZ bottle of water each day. Crews should bring water and sports drinks with them underway and drink a pint of water every twenty minutes or so. Sports Drinks help restore electrolytes which are lost through perspiration. Symptoms of dehydration include dry mouth, dizziness, and headache. As the severity of the dehydration increases, victims may experience difficulty breathing, cramping, loss of coordination, nausea. Treat dehydration by removing the victim from the sun, offering fluids and seeking medical treatment.
3. Heat Rash- Heat rash is caused by a breakdown in the body's ability to perspire and decreased evaporative cooling of the skin. The symptoms are minute pink or red lesions, skin irritation, severe itching. Treat victims by removing them from the hot environment and applying cool, wet towels to the affected area.

4. Heat Cramps- Heat cramps are painful muscle contractions caused by excessive salt and water depletion. They may be associated with heat exhaustion. Recently stress muscles are prone to heat cramps, particularly those in the abdomen and extremities. Place victims in a cool place and encourage them to sip a sports drink or water. Do not give salt tablets, which may aggravate the situation. Seek out medical care for severe or persistent cramps.

5. Heat Exhaustion- Heat Exhaustion is a serious medical condition. The victim may collapse and sweat profusely. His/her skin will be pale and the heart will be pounding. The victim may seem confused and restless with nausea and a headache. Treatment will include all the previous steps covered along with immediately getting the victim to medical care.

6. Heat Stroke- Heat Stroke is a major medical emergency and results from the complete breakdown of the body's sweating and heat regulation mechanisms. The victim may be unconscious, have red skin, weak and rapid pulse. Heat stroke is an immediate threat to life. Remove the victim from the warm environment; apply ice packs or wet towels under the arms and legs to facilitate cooling and seek immediate emergency medical assistance.

Dress for success during summer operations. The Auxiliary Manual authorizes the wear of the ODU/Hot weather uniform during patrols under orders. Coxswains should consider weather conditions and authorize blouses be not to be worn while underway , remember that the only authorized T-Shirts are the plain dark blue shirt with "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary" embroidered on it. The Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt is authorized as an alternative to the ODU. I strongly recommend those of you that patrol in our warmer AOR's consider purchasing the Polo shirt. The Hot Weather Uniform includes the ODU shorts, which may be worn in conjunction with the Polo shirt. Chapter 10 of the Auxiliary Manual addresses all uniform matters.

See y'all out on the water.

ASC-SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO REPORT – COMO V. CONNELL:

- Continuing Rescue 21 outages coverage: SECSF is continuing to request AUX marine VHF radio assets in support of Rescue 21 maintenance outages.
- Sector SF Planning Dept has requested AUX Communicator support for a multi-agency disaster exercise (HADR) which will run concurrently with Fleet Week in OCT.
- CDR Mike Thompson, Chief of Response, mentioned at the All Hands that Sector is receiving requested support from AUX Vessels for 04JUL fireworks safety activities and that preliminary planning is underway for AUX operations support to Fleet Week in OCT.
- CAPT Michael Day received many "good lucks" and fond goodbyes at the 02JUL Sector SF All Hands Meeting. His relief is CAPT Patrick Nelson, who is now the

Deputy Commanding Officer at Sector SF. Also newly reporting are LCDR Steven Schultz as Chief of Command Center and a new CDR as Prevention Dept Chief.

- Sector SF is in an annual period of Active Duty staff transition with many changes as some current staff members are transferred and new members arrive. This is an important time for the AUX to engage with new staff and inform them of our capabilities and chain of communication procedures.

ASC-SECTOR HUMBOLDT REPORT – CARL PIERCE:

Flotilla 8-6: Continues to support the Coast Guard Station Humboldt Bay:

Flotilla 8-7: Continues to support the Noyo Coast Guard Station in the following areas:

1. Maintain the Helo Fuel Dump, stands ready to fuel the Helo when needed.
2. Complete monthly inspection of PPEs at Noyo River Coast Guard Boat Station and provide ongoing boat training for the station.
3. Continue to provide the Coast Guard with weekly maintenance of the exterior glass enclosure of the lens at the Pt. Cabrillo lighthouse as well as quarterly maintenance of lens.
4. Assist Coast Guard in Helo training exercises.

Flotilla 8-11: Continues to support the Coast Guard station at Crescent City by:

1. Continuing to provide SAR coverage 24 hours, four days a week and availability 24/7 for call outs on a variety of assists on non scheduled days.
2. Maintaining trained crews, by Coast Guard Standards, to operate the RB S11.
3. When requested, provide coverage for helo/swimmer training every month, weather permitting.
4. Maintain Coast Guard PPEs assigned to 8-11's use.

Flotilla 3-9, Division 3: Continues to support Sector Humboldt Air Station Helo program:

1. Flotilla 3-9 has schedules to provide a facility as a platform for training with Sector Humboldt helicopters. The scheduled exercises will be Tuesday 7,14, and 21 July, at Whiskeytown Lake.

I will continue to work with Chief Joshua Mann at Sector Humboldt through July 2015. I am looking forward to working with BOSN Thomas Moore when he arrives later in July.

Division 8, Flotilla 3-9 along with staff from Sector Humboldt, provided CWO Curtis Barthel with a great send off for his retirement. He will be greatly missed.

Submitted by Carl J. Pierce, DCDR Division 8
01 July 15

DSO-AV REPORT: No report

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Olson

DSO-AV

DSO-COMS REPORT:

The Communications team continues its efforts to work thru the myriad issue of Land Mobile operations to support the Coast Guard's mission requests. This report will feature information updating our activity, a discussion of operating on VHF nets in two locations.

Deputy District Communication Officer Insight

In the first half of CY 2015, District radio facilities logged over 535 mission hours across six mission areas. Fixed land radio facilities logged 217 hours of radio watch standing and land mobile radio facilities logged 318.4 mission hours in six missions. This represents a decrease from the same period in 2014 when radio facilities logged over 900 mission hours.

The mobile missions included 114.9 hours of marine observation patrols; 48 hours of ATON/chart updating patrols; 141 hours of radio watch standing, including radio nets; 12.3 hours of operational training; 1.6 hours of other Federal agency support and 0.6 hours on SAR cases.

Work continues on the Land Mobile program update and documentation. Revised program documents are under active review with the goal of a rollout later this summer.

ADSO- CM's Update

Fred Sellstrom and Morris Farmer, two of our superb ADSO-CM have collaborated to produce this report for all communicators who have a desire to become aware and more involved in our District Communications Program.

There are two VHF communications nets being run in the 11th Northern District at the present time. They are the *Northern California Auxiliary VHF Net* and the *U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division Seven Ham Net*. As can be seen from their titles, one net is for the Auxiliarists in Northern California and the other is for those in Utah (Div. 7). There are many similarities between the two nets, but there is one major difference. The Northern California net uses Marine Band channel 83 and Auxiliary repeater frequencies while the Utah net is on the Ham bands. This necessitates some important differences which are outlined in the descriptions by the net administrators below.

Northern California Auxiliary VHF Net

This net is conducted every Monday evening at 2000 hours local time for the purpose of passing routine or emergency CG and CG Auxiliary traffic. The net serves a broad area from Bodega Bay to south of Monterey, the Sacramento Delta, and east to the Sacramento area through a three-repeater, mountain top network.

Participation in the net is welcomed, and open to all qualified Auxiliary Communicator's, with either a fixed, land mobile, airborne, or maritime station. Participation does require the use of an FCC approved marine radio transceiver, or an FCC Part 90 approved transceiver on our repeater frequencies. FCC, CG, and CG Auxiliary rules do not allow the use of modified two-meter amateur radio transceivers on marine, or our designated repeater frequencies.

Presently, following net role call and passing of any traffic from participating stations, we open the net to questions, or discussion of any topics involving Auxiliary communications. We are presently involved in establishing area coverage to facilitate future planning in the event of an emergency, or need by the Sector Communications Center. Due to past mischief on our designated frequencies, this information as well as any additional information will be given on an individual basis. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Fred Sellstrom, ADSO-CM, w7koz1@gmail.com

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division Seven Ham Net

Every Wednesday Evening at 1830 local (Utah) time we hold a communications net on a group of linked repeaters called the “intertie.” This is a set of linked repeaters from Las Vegas, to Lake Powell, up I-15 through the entire state of Utah, over to Bear Lake, into Wyoming east to Rock Springs, north in Idaho to West Thumb, just outside of Yellowstone Park, and west to Boise, ID. In the Salt Lake area we use is the 147.120 repeater with a PL tone of 100 Hz. At Bear Lake they check in on the 147.020 repeater, again with a tone of 100 Hz, at Lake Powell it is the 146.96 repeater on Navajo Mountain again with a PL tone of 100 Hz. A list of the repeaters on the Intertie can be found on the Utah VHF Society web page, www.utahvhfs.org in the left hand column select [The Intermountain Intertie and its linked systems](#) for all of the repeaters in the system and the area they cover.

Note, *this is a Ham net*, as such we are not permitted to discuss Auxiliary business, but we CAN do many things to improve our skills as communicators. As such, we do not limit participation in the net to members of the Auxiliary. We have found this to be of great benefit as several of the participants are boaters and very knowledgeable in boating and especially in what it takes to be good communicators.

We try to have a training topic every week. We try to keep these short and to the point, fifteen minutes is the absolute maximum, and five or ten minutes is more common. Topics include the spectrum of communications topics; propagation, message handling, antennas, and what we should have in our “to-go” kit are a few examples. Topics are often suggested by members of the net, and we do our best to meet their requests.

If you’re in the coverage area of the Intertie on any Wednesday evening at 1830 Utah time we invite you to join us. If you have any questions please contact me.

Morris Farmer SO-CM 7, ADSO-CM f.morris1@comcast.net

CONCLUSION: We are in the planning stages to support with instruction the Past Commanders Association Fair. The courses offered during DTrain were well attended and I anticipate even more interest at the PCA Fair. We are certain to offer a course on the new Land Mobile Policy to explain the program and receive feedback on its implementation. Those new members desiring to join the Communications team may desire to attend a course in which we will discuss the optimal “First Radio to acquire” this will cover the myriad issues with purchasing that radio and the ancillary equipment to optimize communication, additionally it is anticipated that for those seasoned Communications a discussion concerning advanced and more capable radios will be included.

Thanks to Rob Firehock who has dedicated hundreds of hours drafting, editing and staffing the soon to be published Land Mobile Policy. Fred Sellstrom and Morris Farmer continue to demonstrate their leadership and commitment by organizing the two VHF nets described earlier. Finally a special Bravo Zulu (BZ) to our Communications team member who respond to calls for assisting in the myriad tasking from Sector or to perform radio guard to our Surface Operation members while on patrol.

We continue to move forward.

Mike

COMO Michael L. Williams

DSO-CM

DSO-OPS REPORT:

NOTE PCA FAIR DATE CHANGE, NOW SEPTEMBER 12/13TH

Questions to Vessels in Distress:

Have been on several vessels in the past and find that variations of the below questions are asked in the drills on QE check rides. The below list of questions are *suggestions*, and are offered for those that may be seeking a list that will work for them.

1. What is the nature of the problem?
2. Are they taking on water? Have them do another quick round to verify they are not taking on water.
3. Are there any medical emergencies?
4. How many persons/children on board?
5. Is everyone wearing a life jacket?
6. Have they called anyone for help?
7. Any lines/anchors out?
8. Describe process that will be taken to take them in tow
9. ????

AUXDATA ORDER MANGEMENT SYSTEM (AOM), EFT SET UP

Several members have problems setting up their Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) this year. Below, is the process that finally worked. Please keep this info for the members that will be using the system in the future.

Thank you Carl Pierce for the below info.

- 1) Member must set up AOM first and be able to access the order management system. If this is done and the statement "vender must have EFT set up" shows up when the order request is saved, then ETF and AOM are not sharing data and are not set up.
- 2) Member must send in EFT request to FinCen. Once FinCen is done processing the EFT request (within 24 hours unless it's a weekend and/or Holiday), an email will be generated and sent to the Member notifying them that an EFT account has been set up.
- 3) Once the email is received from FinCen, there can be a delay of up to 36 hours for the team at AOM to load and verify the data (weekend plus Holiday= 36 hours).
- 4) Once the data is loaded and verified, the Member should have full access to AOM for order creation and management.

Things that create issues:

- 1) EFT account is set up BEFORE AOM account is set up. The AOM system CAN NOT process back dated data files sent to it from FinCen. So the system will not see a valid EFT account for the Member.
- 2) Incorrect or missing EFT information. The FinCen confirms all information submitted and if there is an incorrect data field (Account number, routing number, telephone number, etc.) the EFT information WILL NOT be sent to AOM until the issue(s) resolved with the Member.

Many Kudos to those, far too many to mention by name, that participated in the Memorial Day Delta Blitz. Excellent job!

AOM & SAR CASES:

When adding mission 24, to be sure to fill out the case number and other requested information. Several members are failing to fill out that critical information.

FLEET WEEK: Fleet Week will be upon us before we know it. Be alert for bulletins about this important event and how the Auxiliary will play a part.

All below stats are what has been entered into AUXDATA Jan 1st to Jul 5th, 2015

AUXAIR PATROLS CY2015

[Cube questions should be directed to Harry Schoepe, BC-ISL@cgaux.org. Cube last refreshed on Sunday, July 2015.](#)

[\[All Missions\]\[Sector San Francisco\]\[Aircraft\]\[All Unit Locations\]\[All Activities\]\[CY 2015\]\[All Status Positions\]\[All Operations\]\[All Claimants\]MEASURES](#)

Mission Hours as values	11NR - Div 01	11NR - Div 03	11NR - Div 04	11NR - Div 05	11NR - Div 12	Sector San Francisco
AUX_AIR - Cg Auxiliary Aircraft	8.20	82.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.20
FXGR - Fixed Gear	0.00	526.70	0.00	9.70	153.20	689.60
RTGR - Retractable Gear	0.00	183.10	6.10	23.00	149.10	361.30
Aircraft	8.20	791.80	6.10	32.70	302.30	1,141.10

Land Mobile Patrols for CY2015:

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[\[All Missions\]\[Sector San Francisco\]\[MOBILE - Mobile Radio Facility\]\[All Unit Locations\]\[All Activities\]\[CY 2015\]\[All Statuses\]\[All Positions\]\[All Operations\]\[All Claimants\]MEASURES](#)

Mission Hours as values	11NR - Div 03	11NR - Div 05	11NR - Div 06	11NR - Div 07	11NR - Div 10	11NR - Div 11	11NR - Div 12	Sector San Francisco
MOBILE - Mobile Radio Facility	166.00	31.80	1.60	8.00	35.50	59.70	15.80	318.40

Underway Marine Patrols 2015 Missions: 01a, 01b, 02, 03, 22a, 54a, 55a

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[All Missions][Sector San Francisco][All Facilities][All Unit Locations][U/W - Underway][CY 2015][All Statuses][All Positions][All Operations][All Claimants]MEASURES

Mission Hours as values	11NR - Div 01	11NR - Div 03	11NR - Div 04	11NR - Div 05	11NR - Div 06	11NR - Div 07	11NR - Div 08	11NR - Div 10	11NR - Div 11	11NR - Div 12	Sector San Francisco
OPS	852.00	1,287.70	152.10	919.50	1,158.50	1,063.10	711.70	343.40	185.40	331.90	7,005.30
U/W - Underway	852.00	1,287.70	152.10	919.50	1,158.50	1,063.10	711.70	343.40	185.40	331.90	7,005.30

OPS CALENDAR: ***NOTE DATE & LOCATION CHANGES*** FOR SOME EVENTS!

	<u>For flyers, regarding these events please go to the District Calendar:</u>	
<i>2015 OPERATIONS OPEX/OPTREX EXENT CALENDAR FOR DISTRICT ELEVEN NORTH</i>		
AUG 7TH-8TH	DIV 7 OPTREX	UTAH - <i>NOTE DATE CHANGE</i>
AUG 22ND-23RD	DIVISION 1	LOCH LOMOND YACHT CLUB
AUG 29TH-30TH	DIV 11, LK TAHOE	CONTACT: LINDA HAYNES
SEP 19TH-20TH	FLT 06-07	SANTA CRUZ: CONTACT INFO TBA
TBA	DIV 10	MILLERTON: CONTACT ROD ROLLINS
SEPT 26TH	FLT 05-05	BODEGA BAY

Respectfully,
Gail L Ramsey, DSO-OPS

