

## MARINE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION – JAN 2008

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- ADSOs for 2008 and ADSO Reports
- Division Reports
- N-TRAIN Report
- Goals for 2008
- Trident Program Needs
- MDA Academy

### DETAILS:

**ADSOs for 2008:** The ADSOs-MS/MEP for 2008 will be as follows: Norma Lococo, ADSO-Commercial Vessels; Tony Dallendorfer, ADSO-MS-LA/LB; Jesse Muniz, ADSO-MS/MEP-San Diego. At least one more ADSO will be appointed for MEP in the Sector LA/LB area. The DSO will manage the Trident Program and MS/MEP-Inland.

**ADSO REPORTS** - 3/3 or 100% of the ADSOs filed reports for the month of January, 2008; we need to have 100% report participation by ADSOs every month so that we develop a complete picture of MS/MEP activity within D11SR each month. Please make sure that your reports are sent to the DSO by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Jesse Muniz: MS/MEP - Sector San Diego:** The ADSO has been busy establishing a working relationship with the Department Chiefs of both Prevention and Response; together with LT Hall, Jesse is working to promote the MDA program in Sector San Diego. They will be making a Power Point MDA presentation to LCDR Merriweather on 01 February to begin implementation of the program, with help from Sector LA/LB. Meetings with ENS Weiss and Mike Saverson, ASC, will serve to facilitate Auxiliary involvement in the Response Department, beginning with an opportunity for several Auxiliarists to attend a 5-day Pollution Investigator training the week of 04 February, leading to the AUX-ED (Assistant Pollution Investigator) PQS in the Trident program. Jesse's goals for 2008 include promoting the "M" programs to Divisions and Flotillas in the AOR, providing member training in MS/MEP programs, and to promote the Trident program as well as Auxiliary augmentation at the Sector.

**Norma Lococo: UPV Activity:** TDYs have been issued by Sector LA/LB for Dallendorfer, Hampton and Lococo, and the program is active in the Dana Point area – expansion into the AOR is planned for 2008. A UPV form was developed and approved; stickers for the 2008 year were also obtained. Exams of the Dana Island Yacht fleet as well as that of Dream Catchers (also Dana Point) have been scheduled. The COP Order was lifted on one of two failing CFVs after a follow-up examination. **Commercial Fishing:** Letters of Designation as CFVEs are being worked on for Gary Draeger and Phil Hampton; Mr. Gaskill (CFVE for Sector LA/LB) indicated that there would probably not be any safety training for CFVs due to budget constraints, and that there are presently no goals set for 2008 to date. The ADSO has requested TDYs for Draeger,

Hampton, Herbinson and Lococo, but since no goals have been set yet, it does not appear that there will be a very active CFVE program for Auxiliarists. **MDA:** A meeting of the MDA Inspectors is scheduled for the last week in January.

**Tony Dallendorfer: Sector LA/LB** – During the 2007 Christmas holiday season, Auxiliary MDA Inspectors participated in several harbor boat parade of lights patrols within the AOR which were primarily land patrols. Another MDA Inspector Academy had been scheduled for late January, to run for three alternating weekends to allow members who work during the week to take the training and work for Sector. That schedule has now been changed to late April-early May. Tony believes that Sector LA/LB would ultimately like to have about 108 active Inspectors; there are currently 28. MDA Inspectors will use code 70M on the 7030 form to report their activities. There have been changes to the zone numbers which go into effect immediately; Lenny Douthett will be sending a summary report about Auxiliary activities within the Sector to the ADSO by the 23rd of each month. Right now it is estimated that about 10-12 members in the LA/LB area are working on the Trident qualification, and approximately 50 members actually serve at the base in support of the Sector. An Auxiliary award was presented to CDR Dennis Miller at the 2008 District Conference to honor and thank him for his development of this program, which greatly enhances the relationship between Sector and the Auxiliary.

**DIVISION REPORTS** – 6/14 or 43% of the SOs-MS filed reports for the month of January, 2008; again, without these reports we cannot develop a complete picture of MS/MEP activity within the District to know where we are doing a good job and where we need to improve. Reports are due to the DSO by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month, and include quantifiable information using AUXDATA cubes. Hours and missions equate to continued opportunities for service and dollars for reimbursement – we need to make our efforts visible in both qualitative and quantitative ways to show that we make a difference! Thanks to all those SOs who submitted timely reports for the first month of the year! Let's see if we can raise the bar – our goal should be 100%!

**Division 2: James Haas, SO-MS** – Three members from Division 2 (Jerry Shacklet, Ken Tucker and James Haas) have joined the new AUDIT (Auxiliary Underwater Dive Investigation Team), which also includes other Auxiliarists from around the District; its purpose is to support the Coast Guard Investigation Teams at Sector LA/LB under the command of LCDR Lechner in the investigation of dive fatalities in the District AOR. They have already been called to assist in the investigation of a Catalina Island diving fatality. In 2-4, James Haas has been working with Greenworks and other agencies to conduct the California Coastal Commission Dockwalker training – there is a seminar scheduled for 10 February and a training scheduled for 1 March 2008 at the American Legion Yacht Club in Newport Beach. He would also like to work with other Flotillas and Divisions in the area to set up harbor clean-ups in Huntington and Newport harbors in the near future.

**Division 3: Frank Galloway, SO-MS** – Several Division 3 members received awards at the District Conference: Lenny Douthett (3-1), Frank Galloway (3-1), Kent Monsanto (3-1) and Kim Castrobran (3-5) all received the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation with Operational Distinguishing Device. Frank Galloway received the Coast Guard Auxiliary Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon with Operational Distinguishing Device for Domestic Inspections. Lenny Douthett and Kent Monsanto received the Coast Guard Auxiliary Achievement Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device for Port State Control Inspections and Investigations respectively. And finally, Lenny Douthett received the Marine Safety Auxiliary Inspector of the Year Trophy with Keeper Plaque for Port State Control Inspections. Congratulations to all of these individuals for a job well done!

**Division 9: Roger Horner, SO-MS** – Roger is working on compiling the list of FSOs-MS for Division 9 for 2008, and reported that there was no MS/MEP activity for the month of January.

**Division 10: Deborah Johnson, SO-MS** – The Division has plans to write two grants to the Arizona Game and Fish agency to promote programs in both Operations and Marine Safety and Environmental Protection; the "M" grant will focus on acquisition of a small education trailer that will be equipped with audio-visual presentation equipment and materials for AWW, Sea Partners and ANS programs as well as other Marine Safety information. The grant will include funds to acquire an Officer Snook costume for use in Sea Partners presentations and other public outreach programs. This mobile presentation center can be used by PE, VE and PA disciplines as well as MS/MEP to carry the message to the general public at all types of events, and to school classes as well. We are also going to produce a series of six "M" Mini-classes of 10 minutes duration each that can be presented to the general public on a rotating basis during PA and VE events; that will be unveiled at the Safe Boating Week Celebration on Lake Pleasant on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we are trying to initiate an Arizona Clean Marina Program, beginning with a new marina opening on Lake Pleasant in April – Scorpion Bay.

**Division 11: Dennis Burdo, SO-MS** – Dennis reports that the AUDIT has 16 Auxiliary members, three of whom are from Division 11; training was held on 19 January 2008. He will be presenting new ANS information and training to the Flotillas in Division 11, and currently has three members interested in attending the April MDA Academy. There will be increased training in Sea Partners and Good Mate programs as well.

**Division 12: Anthony Turner, SO-MS** – Division 12 has made it a 2008 goal to increase MEP missions in 2008 as well as MS/MEP member training with the assistance and experience of Carol Davis (12-2) and Curt Laborde (4-2). The Division also hope to increase MS/MEP public outreach activities in the Santa Monica Bay area through a 5 point action plan that includes other Auxiliary disciplines (VE, PE, PA, MT, PS – recruiting) and partnerships with local organizations involved in MEP.

## **N-TRAIN REPORT**

There have been many changes within the “M” Department in 2007; first, Aids to Navigation was moved from Response (Operations) to Prevention (Marine Safety and Environmental Protection) in July. Aids to Navigation maintains its own DSO structure and chain, just as Operations and Communications each have had their own DSO chain within the Operations Directorate. Then Incident Management was moved from Prevention to Response to more closely reflect the active duty HQ organization.

The 7030 form has been revised with respect to Operations and Marine Safety/Environmental Protection categories – there are fewer categories and members need to read the descriptions carefully to decide where and how to report their hours. Please direct any questions via the MS staff officer chain to the DSO for clarification.

The 7038, used to report Commercial Vessel exams, can now be used for two Examiners – If both are fully qualified, the names go on the “Lead” and “Trainee” lines, but the “Trainee” box is NOT checked. If one member is qualified and the other is a trainee, the member holding the qualification is listed on the first line, the “Trainee” is listed on the second line and the box marked “Trainee” IS checked. Again, if there are any questions, please direct them to ADSO Norma Lococo or DSO Deborah Johnson.

Auxiliarists may no longer conduct HARPATS, which are law enforcement function patrols – instead, we may conduct MDA or MOM patrols, with Sector authorization.

The Trident program is undergoing significant changes, and the information will be briefly presented here; for a more detailed discussion, members should visit the “M” page on the District 11 South website. DSO reports and current information will be posted regularly to that site – this should eliminate incorrect information being passed around by word of mouth. First, Auxiliarists may no longer earn active duty PQSs, with the sole exception of the CFVE PQS, which does not involve law enforcement actions. Second, the PQSs for Environmental Response will stay under “M”, since they are training, which is part of “M”; the same will be true for the Incident Management and Contingency Planning PQSs. There will soon be at least 38 Auxiliary PQSs; some of the existing PQSs will be discontinued (we will have advance notice of a shutdown date in order to allow those working on them to finish), some will be modified and there will be at least 15-20 new ones that mirror the active duty PQSs, but designate Auxiliarists as “Assistants”. The IMSEP course is changing, but will remain as an online course; the Good Mate course and ICS 100 will remain as well. Eventually, ICS 200, 700 and 800 will also be required for the Trident ribbon because the knowledge they contain is used in both Prevention and Response activities. In addition, there will be another ICS course, ICS 210, added to the requirement – this will be a Coast Guard-specific 4-hour classroom course. The IIMS course is also changing, and will remain as a proctored exam course. Service hour requirements will not change. The MSAM PQS is strictly an Auxiliary PQS and has changed in several important ways: 1)there is no longer an online exam, 2)members must work with an Auxiliary mentor who already holds the PQS to get tasks signed off, just like the Crew or Coxswain qualifications, 3)the oral board will consist of at least three people who hold the qualification, and 4)the application is submitted directly to the DSO-MS for approval, with Letters of Designation issued only by National Auxiliary Chief or Deputy Chief of “M” at the request of the DSO-MS. There are no longer any “local” qualifications allowed for the Trident PQSs –

and no PQS requirements may be waived. According to 33 CFR 5.31, activities that Auxiliarists may participate in are limited to those which do not involve law enforcement or exposure to hazardous materials; the Commandant MUST approve any new, non-traditional Auxiliary programs IN ADVANCE – or they may be submitted through the Education and communication Division of the National “M” Department for review. Please see the “Trident Program Needs” section below for further information.

America’s Waterway Watch and the Sea Partners programs have been combined under the Prevention Outreach Division; there is money to fund both programs, and an adequate supply of materials for those programs in the ANSC warehouse. Use the order form that is online and submit it to your FSO-MA. There are static displays for both that should be available for check-out from DIRAUX for use in an event. In addition, there is now a reporting number on the 7030 form for AWW activities and categories for MEP as well. We need qualified Instructors and MEP members to make contacts in our schools and present both the AWW and Sea Partners programs to all grade levels; I am working on a correlation of those programs to national education standards, so that when a teacher asks what standards are covered in order to make classroom time count, we can answer that! Our District will also be receiving an ANS Trunk that contains materials on ANS (both plant and animal) for use in presentations.

## **GOALS FOR 2008**

We have a number of goals that need to be accomplished in early 2008 so that we can move our MS/MEP program forward; first, and probably most urgent, is to stand up the D11SR “M” web page, which Jim Franklin is helping to do. There you will find the monthly DSO Report, along with any pertinent “M” Department information about changes, Best Practices, urgent D11SR information and notices of upcoming training. There will also be a link to the national “M” newsletter, **Safety Lines**, which all interested members should read.

Second, we need to have a Trident database that incorporates all D11SR members who are working on the Trident program or who hold any of the program qualifications (see Trident Program Needs below).

Third, I would like all SOs and FSOs to complete the four Trident program training courses and the PQS for their office; each PQS has a number of tasks to be completed by the staff officer in order to do what should be done in that staff position. I will have a CD for each SO-MS at the February District Board and Staff meeting that will include the District Conference “M” trainings and the PQSs for both SOs and FSOs; I would like each SO-MS to train the FSOs-MS in their Division, and ask that the FSOs train the members of their own Flotilla so that our members understand what the “M” Department includes and does – only in that way can we really be sure that our members know about “M” activities and therefore are able to choose to participate in those activities that interest them.

Fourth, I would like to have 100% reporting this year from all FSOs and SOs – this is a very important goal because communication is the only way the we get information down to the members in our Flotillas and questions/issues up to the staff officers who can answer or solve them. We, as staff officers, are resources for others in our Divisions and Flotillas – and there are both materials and assistance available for

everyone. In D11SR we have two Sectors to serve, and that alone takes considerable coordination – therefore, if we wish to present a well-organized, professional demeanor to our Gold Side, we need to communicate clearly and regularly!

There will be more goals forthcoming – they will be posted to the District website as they arise – so visit the website often and regularly – it can be a very productive, informative tool for all of us in “M”!

### **TRIDENT PROGRAM NEEDS**

One of the major issues for “M” in this District is that we do not have a readily accessible list of members participating in the Trident Program; this is due to the fact that our qualifications are listed differently within AUXDATA – and some are not listed at all unless the member specifically submits Letters of Designation for a PQS or a certificate with exam results. In the event of an incident, we do not have a handy “call-out” list for any given qualification – we are not able to systematically send out training notices to the people who need them, etc.

The solution lies in the creation of a searchable D11SR Trident database that will list all members working on any aspect of the Trident Program; this will allow us to input ALL current program qualifications and accomplishments, track those for purposes of awards, contact members in the program with various notices of trainings, new information and changes, and contact those members when the Coast Guard asks for a list of members with a particular qualification. Right now, if the USCG wanted to ask us for qualified Auxiliarists to assist in a Pollution Response incident, we could not generate such a list within an hour. The USCG will go to the Coast Guard TMT database to see who is listed – and if we do not generate our own database and request that information be input into the TMT database, Auxiliarists will lose out on opportunities for service and training. Therefore, I am requesting that all members who are working on any aspect of the Trident Program (whether or not they intend to work for the device) send their information (name, address, phone, email, member ID and Division/Flotilla) to me via the Chain of Communication (FSO to SO to DSO) as soon as possible so that we may begin construction of this database.

We also need a list of mentors – members who hold specific qualifications – who can work with other members to sign off Auxiliary PQS tasks; the list needs to be searchable so that a member wanting to work on a specific PQS can make a request for a mentor in their area.

I will be posting a list of all of the current Trident PQSs on the District “M” web page, as well as a list of the PQSs available to us in both Sectors; members need to understand that not all PQSs are used (and therefore available) in all Sectors. Each Coast Guard Sector has different geographic, environmental and cultural issues and circumstances that determine what activities are a priority – and they offer PQS training and service opportunities accordingly. So, for example, some inland areas of the country will not offer the Assistant Container Inspector PQS since they do not do container inspections.

### **MDA ACADEMY**

Sectors LA/LB and San Diego will offer a joint Marine Domain Awareness Inspector (MDA) Academy to be held over three 2-day weekends in April and May (April

05 & 06, 19 & 20, and May 03 & 04); they are looking for 85 Auxiliary members who are interested in the training, which will include the Assistant Harbor Safety PQS, with the understanding that each trained member will then work an area MDA patrol on a regular schedule. The classes will run from 0800-1600 hours each day. More information on the prerequisites and process for applying will be sent to the SOs-MS and posted to the District "M" page as well.

**Safety Lines and the National "M" Department Website**

Please visit the "M" Department website regularly – our national newsletter, **Safety Lines**, is posted there in addition to information about all areas of the "M" Department and any new or changed information. 2007 was a year of great change within the "M" Department, and the website currently reflects those changes, with more yet to come.

Respectfully submitted,

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