

# Sector St. Pete Auxiliary Assistant Pollution Investigator training 22-24SEP15



## USCG Trainers:

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Sector St. Pete Incident Management Division invited USCG Auxiliarists to participate in their first ever three day Auxiliary Assistant Pollution Investigator training course (two day classroom study with one day of field exercises).



Seventeen Auxiliarists participated with a positive response from all attendees.

The PowerPoint training reviewed basics for pollution investigation, environmental law, safety, oil spill sampling procedures, evidence collection, oil removal equipment/tactics, and enforcement. Field exercises included documentation (e.g. NOFI's and witness statements), tailgate safety briefs, public affairs interviews, oil sampling procedures, and a contractor demonstration of their response equipment.



As a result of this training, attendees are motivated to complete their training towards obtaining their Letter of Designation (LOD) as an Auxiliary Assistant Pollution Investigator.

Five current Auxiliary Pollution Investigators will also be designated as "Verifying Officers" to expedite signing off Performance Qualification Standard (PQS). Oral Boards are conducted by the "Gold" side.

The goal is to have other Sectors aware of this training program and implement it Nationwide.

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