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Subject: Div. 17 S.O. Reports

The following is a summary of activity in our division for the month of February 2015.

SO-CM -Peter Anderson: Reports multiple FSO-CM staff attended a meeting in Orlando with the DSO-CM on 14FEB15. The group discussed HF radio policy and also conducted a recruiting display at a local ham radio event. Flotilla 17-09 now has a VHF and HF radio and will be conducting training on HF radio operations. FSO-CM staff has an operation underway to support the Titusville Air Show as well.

SO-CS-Donna Miller: Our Division web site now has our meeting minutes posted as well as our S.O. condensed reports. The new S.O.-DV photo is also on the web site.

SO-DV-Richard Navas: has contacted all FSO-DV staff and provided his e-mail address and offered to assist with all DV issues at the Flotilla level.

SO-FN- Donna Miller: completed the financial reports and processed dues payments to the district and assisted with coordination of completing financial statements for several FSO-FN staff.

SO-HR- Sharon Breeze: participated in the HR conference call with D7 DSO-HR and other division HR staff officers. A review of HR issues highlighted concerns related to ID cards, returning of fingerprints and a delay in issuing member numbers. The HR team is looking at various solutions to these issues.

SO-IS- Barbara Carolus: provided the updated DSO-IS report to all FC and assisted with coordinating the approval for new FSO-IS staff to attend the recent IS class in order to become full IS officers.

SO-MA-Richard Barada: Completed orders for materials for various flotillas and assisted with obtaining printed brochures from FWC as well.

SO-MS- Gary Gunter: support provided to MSD at station Canaveral includes monthly inspections, testing and maintenance of response equipment, pumps and generators. The MS team assisted with painting of office areas and provided support to training for UPV and CFV training sessions.

SO-MT- Dan McIntyre: Provided critical reminder to Division staff regarding need to complete the courses in the AUX LMS system by the dates stipulated and the steps required to access the LMS system. Multiple Flotillas completed TCT training and ABS classes underway.

SO-NS -Joe Bonnaccorse: Division now has 28 Aid verifiers and 22 in progress waiting completion of PQS. FSO-NS staff completed extensive report confirming AOR boundaries in the division.

SO-OP-Jack Miller: Operations plans in place for a large public event involving multiple Vessel facilities and Radio facilities. The Tyco Air Show event will include the Thunderbirds and is using

USCGAUX assets from throughout the division. The Division has also submitted two Vessels for approval as Facilities.

SO-PA- Fredrick Scholz: PA staff attended the Four Chaplains service and provided a color guard for the service. Two AUXCHEFs assisted at Station Canaveral on very short notice to assist with a staffing issue. PA staff working with youth groups to develop ABS classes (young Marines) and assisted with local contact to assist with ABS program in Schools. SA staff participated in local St.Patrick's Day parade and hosted a booth at a large local boat show. PA staff working on multiple media contacts related to promoting Division ABS classes.

SO-PB- John Kachenmeister: Published Division news letter and reports multiple Flotillas have now published newsletters for January and February.

SO-PE-Jules Moquin: The Brevard County School Board has accepted the ABS class proposal and ABS courses will now begin on a limited level in some schools. The concept could dramatically increase the number of students at the ABS classes and have a profound positive impact on reducing boating accidents in the future.

SO-PV- Mark Perni: The development of a Master database of all potential PV locations in the Division is underway. PV year to date is setting a record breaking pace.

SO-VE James G Powers: The Stand Down did result in canceling two planned VE events However the VE program is well underway and goals for the year should be achieved.

**V/ Respectfully submitted 10MAR15
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