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Subject: VDCDR's Report for July 2016

- 1) There is a significant delta in the reported PE students YTD and the data in AUXINFO. The unofficial Division 17 ABS Class Graduate total YTD = 170 while AUXINFO PE report shows 122 a delta of 48 graduates. The delta is primarily in Flotilla 17-02 (33 vs 25 = -8); Flotilla 17-09 (12 vs 0 = -12); and, Flotilla 17-10 and 17-11 (29 vs 0 = -29). These Flotillas need to confirm that all 7030s have been properly submitted and entered into AUXDATA to ensure credit for the Flotilla and Division.
- 2) Operations was active in July. The Coast Guard requested we provide launch patrol for the Atlas V NROL-61 shot on 26 July. We provided two (2) boats to patrol Port Canaveral and two (2) boats were assigned to the Indian and Banana Rivers. After the successful launch, the boats in the rivers maintained SAR watch for the rest of the day since we were already on station and the active duty was outside the port and would have had a rather lengthy response time.
- 3) At the Division meeting, Commodore Weskerna presented 2 personnel from Flotilla 17-06 with the Auxiliary Award of Operational Merit. At this same meeting, twenty (20) personnel from multiple flotillas were awarded Aux Team Awards for the SAR exercise SAREAGLE demonstrating AUXAIR and AUX Surface assets in Division 17 ability to work together.
- 4) Due to an incident at the end of July, in which an AUX boat crew member was injured, requiring transport to a hospital, a meeting was held at Station Port Canaveral with the OIC, XPO, and AUXLO from the active duty, and Division 17's DCDR and AUC/OPs Officer. The result of this meeting was that a Safety Stand-Down Meeting will be held on 10 Aug at the station with all FCs, Coxswains and facility owners to address this, and several other more minor incidents, and review safety.
- 5) QE funding for the rest of Fiscal Year 2016 has been eliminated. This will result in no more QEs for the Auxiliary until the FY 17 budgets are released to the service.
- 6) A project has been undertaken at ANT Ponce de Leon Inlet to correct, update and maintain the ANT's PATON files. This includes the development of a PATON database, co-ordination with the ANT's files, and plotting the locations of over 400 Class II PATONs in Division 4's and Division 17's AORs. In addition, there are over 300 Class III PATONs just in Division 17. Contact was re-established with the City of Cocoa regarding the Coast Guard's District 7 Waterway Branch's approval of the City's request to upgrade Class III PATONs in the Hospital Cut Channel to Class

IIs. The City has indicated there will be dredging in that Channel and a possible more efficient layout of PATONs, but details have not been provided to-date. ANT Fort Pierce has requested Division 17 to verify the PATONs on the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes. The latter being the responsibility of that ANT. Although the Division was unable to meet the ANT's 30 June requested deadline, plans are underway to conduct a patrol in September in order to comply with their request due to a lack of resources. The ANT has been informed of this plan. We would like to include Flotilla 17-10 Aids Verifier personnel in this mission as it is within their AOR. Two PATON verification patrols were conducted in July by Flotilla 17-06. 24 aids were verified in the Indian River, 20 in Hospital Cut, 22 in the City of Cocoa Beach's 100 Channel, and 2 in the mouth of Sykes Creek. 7054s are being prepared on each Aid with approximately six submitted to date. 3-bridges were also inspected with discrepancies noted on each. A message was sent to all FSO-NSs to remind all hands that anyone at any time can report NS discrepancies. If that had been done the three bridge discrepancies could have been reported earlier. Operational and administrative support to ANT Ponce is still being provided. In July approximately 30 hours of support were reported.

- 7) The SO-IS would like to remind all SOs that you can request access to AUXDATA for assisting you in tracking your progress in your various departments throughout the year. Just contact the SO-IS and he will get you set-up.
- 8) Division 17 has conducted 545 PVs out of a goal of 760 (72%) and businesses in our AOR for July remain unchanged at 200. The tally per Flotilla is:
  - Flotilla 17-02 has conducted 56% of its goal of 200.
  - Flotilla 17-06 approved an expenditure to replenish its supply of custom ABS/VSC course rack and business cards has been approved.
  - Flotilla 17-09 had no official PVs in July but in a conversation with the owner of Titusville Bait and tackle it was learned that the shop is relocating in Titusville and an official MDV will be made at that time.
  - A PV Day was conducted by Flotilla 17-10 with a total of 9 visits conducted. They are at 62% of the 2016 goal.
  - 17-11 Orlando/Winter Park conducted 14 PVs in July achieving 93% of its goal for 2016.
- 9) Direct Support Missions for the MSD Port Canaveral totaled 9 for the month of July. These included 4 Pollution Trailer & Generator Maintenance missions, 2 CFVE Inspections, 1 UTV Inspection, and 2 Life Raft Inspection Meetings. Mr. Robert Butts, the MS Training and Coordinator in Sector Jacksonville, has left the Coast Guard to take on a new opportunity. Flotilla 17-02 distributed the Division MS report to its members. The FSO will be discussing subscriptions to PROCEEDINGS with the membership to possibly generate interest in the MS specialty. Flotilla 17-06 completed a CFVE that had been scheduled through Sector Jacksonville. Janet and Bill Strawn applied water seal to the Station Port Canaveral Base Exchange's entrance deck and ramp after it was power washed. They also painted the gate house. 17-10 in Osceola County reached out to various organizations offering a "Sea Partners" presentation. Activities for next month will include continued recruitment of new MS members, certification efforts of UPV trainees, planning a workshop for those wishing to be MSAM certified, and direct support to the MSD.

- 10) All Flotillas reported the usual HF net activities continued to be supported and 64 hours of direct support watchstanding at Station Port Canaveral were logged. 17-06 reported that the request for comm services within the 17-06 building at Lee Wenner Park is still in progress. Quotes and solicitations are being worked at this time. The emergency call tree plan and procedure is still in progress. The FSO-CM just completed AUXAIR Observer Qualification. Intention is to start the AUXAIR Aircrew PQS next. Participation planning for the Coast Guard Auxiliary's 77<sup>th</sup> birthday is underway. CM will support with a VHF-marine and HF-SSB Station facility on display. The event is planned for October 21-23 2016.
- 11) 17-02 is currently working with one possible new member. He is also working to get members who have passed the OS to complete their mandated training. 17-06 reports membership at 99. They submitted one application in July. They are working on five other new members. 17-09 reports working on one new member. They have been contacted and info sent to them. 17-10 VFC is filling in as FSO-HR. Three new members have received EMPLIDs but are not yet shown up in the new members list. SO-HR is assisting in solving this issue. 17-11 reports two applications have been sent in and four potential new members are currently in progress. New members are working on FEMA courses and ABS Classes while awaiting their EMPLIDs. This has seemed to work in getting new members motivated to complete the mandated training after they receive their EMPLIDs.
- 12) This year the Division has seen a reduction in new applications being submitted. Discussions with FSO-HRs for why this is happening have determined: 1) Money/finances, which includes the expense of uniforms and dues; and, 2) People's work schedules. In this new economy it appears many potential members are working on weekends and just feel they can't fit the Auxiliary into their schedules at this time are impacting this year's recruiting.
- 13) All materials requested are on order or delivered for July. Discussed the use of the supply catalog and procedure for ordering supplies with various members and contacted newly appointed FSO-Mas Richard Schulze (17-6) and Bonnie Sperry (17-9). Sent request to all FSO-MAs reminding them to submit staff reports. FSO-MA 17-10 conducted a Program Visitor Day on July 13<sup>th</sup> 2016. 17-11 FSO-MA represented the USCGAUX at Veterans meetings on July 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. FSO-MA 17-9 ordered car magnets for Waterway Watch, attended the Flotilla meeting, took TCT and OPs workshops, and participated in Waterway Watch patrols.
- 14) SO-PB is in the process of putting together another newsletter for the Division with hopes of submitting it to the District for consideration in the best newsletter awards at D-Train.

V/R,

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