*Orders*

Introduction Two general kinds of Coast Guard orders may be issued to Auxiliarists:

• Orders issued to individuals for duty assignments such as operational, logistics, or training support.

• Orders for facility movement, whether for vessel or aircraft movement, or radio facility activation and/or movement.

Both types of orders issued to Auxiliarists are considered “assignment to duty”.

These orders may be either written or verbal, and may be reimbursable or nonreimbursable.

In the case of orders to an individual for support activities,

benefiting program managers are encouraged to support Auxiliary travel via Temporary Duty Travel Orders (CG-4251).

Specific Auxiliary activities may also be considered

“assignment to duty” as detailed in the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1(series), Chapter 5, Section J.

Auxiliarists may not use any facility or special purpose facility for any Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary purpose or mission unless appropriate patrol orders have been issued and the facility has been properly offered and accepted for use.

*Assignment to Duty*

The Commandant employs the services of qualified Auxiliarists in support of various Coast Guard programs. To this end, specific Auxiliary activities are authorized in support of Auxiliary programs or Coast Guard units. An Auxiliarist performing such duties is considered to have been assigned to duty within the meaning of 14 U.S.C. § 831 and 823a, when these activities have been authorized and clearly communicated verbally and/or in writing by appropriate authority. The Commandant has specifically delegated the authority to assign qualified Auxiliarists to duty for authorized activities. Additionally, in many circumstances, an Auxiliarist’s assignment to duty may be constituted by the Auxiliarist’s actual performance of an authorized activity or mission, understanding that the Auxiliarist was properly qualified for such duty and acted within the scope of employment. This policy promotes valued volunteer support and provides Auxiliarists the benefits and protections allowed by law.