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Good Morning All,

Please pass this information down to the your FSO-OPs within your respective Divisions; it concerns the recently issued ACR PLBs. Basically, members should not test their PLB's more than one time a month. As I receive more information on this I will pass along. This does not affect those who have the McMurdo EPIRBs. If there are any questions please let me know.

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CWO Holzman

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From: Fontenot, Corey L BMCS
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Good Morning All,

I wanted to pass some information to you about a potential issue that BOSN Norquist brought to my attention with ACR brand of PLBs. As you may or may not know, the CG has cancelled the PLB contract with ACR because of a costly issue regarding testing of the unit. BOSN Norquist is currently working on a contract with another company for the PLB.

ACR PLBs have an internal timer built into the unit that is programmed to allow up to 60 tests. This coincides with the monthly test of the unit and the 5 year battery service life. Each time a test of the unit is conducted, the timer counts down. The unit will turn red and become unusable after the 60th test.

As of now, ACR manufactures the only tool that can be used to reset the internal timer at a cost of \$900. The cost of this unit is out of reach for units to procure. The only other option to having the timer reset is to send it to a subcontractor at a cost of approximately \$130.

This will only be an issue if your members are testing their PLB more than the once per month requirement. Please pass the word to your Auxiliary members as soon as possible so they know not to test it more frequently than what is required. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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