



**United States Coast Guard**  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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TO: ALAUX  
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Subj: AUXILIARY SURVEY REQUEST

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1. The Chief Director of Auxiliary has authorized the release of a survey directed towards all Auxiliarists to address membership numbers and overall satisfaction in your volunteer service. All Auxiliarists are encouraged to complete this survey.
  2. LCDR Terry Plank, from the Coast Guard Office of Emergency Management (CG-OEM) Post-Graduate Program, is conducting research on what makes an Auxiliarist motivated to volunteer and what makes a successful and satisfying volunteer experience. The results of this short survey may help inform future policies, assist in recruitment and retention, and make for a more satisfying volunteer experience.
  3. LCDR Plank is currently enrolled at the University of Delaware - School of Public Policy in a master's degree program in Disaster Science and Management. The motivation for this research comes from tours of duty and deployments where he worked side by side with the Coast Guard Auxiliary on hurricane and oil spill responses, National Security Special Events, maritime safety operations, countless ICS trainings and exercises, certification boards, and his work with the Incident Management Auxiliary Support Team (IMAST). LCDR Plank understands the importance of the Auxiliary to overall Coast Guard mission success and the value that all Auxiliarists provide.
  4. The survey should take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete, no names or identifying information will be captured or published. All responses provided will be anonymized through the survey tool, so neither the research committee nor the Coast Guard will know the identity of the Auxiliarist submitting the survey. The survey will be available from 28 November 2022 through 14 January 2023.
  5. Survey Link: [https://delaware.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9Hwr7UBqxLQsYLA](https://delaware.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Hwr7UBqxLQsYLA)
  6. If you have any questions regarding this survey, please reach out to LCDR Terry Plank at [Terry.R.Plank@uscg.mil](mailto:Terry.R.Plank@uscg.mil).
  7. Internet release is authorized.
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\*\*\*For many reasons including the value of keeping communication lines clear and open as well as facilitating access to training and educational tools, all Auxiliarists are urged to have their own email address and to keep it updated in AUXDATA II.\*\*\*

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\*All ALAUX's are posted on the Chief Director of Auxiliary web site located at: [CHDIRAUX  
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If you have a question regarding this ALAUX, please seek resolution within your Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM) including up to your servicing District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX). If your question still cannot be resolved after that, then please email [CGAUX@uscg.mil](mailto:CGAUX@uscg.mil).