



# Prevention Outreach Division presentation to the Auxiliary University Program

## Programs and Initiatives of the Prevention Outreach Division Prevention Directorate



# Prevention Outreach Division

- Manages, coordinates and integrates Auxiliary and partnered USCG programs
- Primary programs
  - America's Waterway Watch
  - Sea Partners
  - AUXSCOUT
- Other Programs
  - Good Mate
  - Marine Mammals Resources
  - Aquatic Nuisance Species Resources



# America's Waterway Watch



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- Post-9/11 to protect maritime interests
- **Joint effort** of USCG, Reserve & Auxiliary
- Increase awareness of maritime domain
- Partnered approach to alert public on suspicious behavior on the water/shoreline
- **Report suspicious activity to NRC**
- What is its objective?
  - Prevent infrastructure and the general public from being targeted



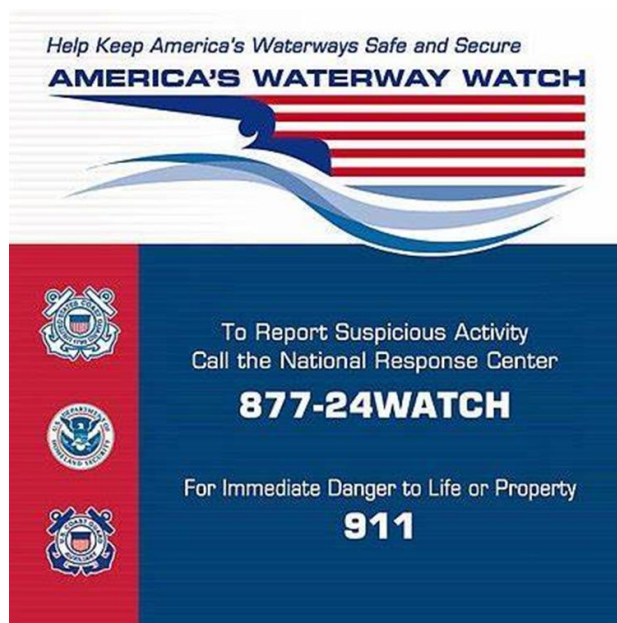
# National Response Center Overview

- Receives reports of – areas of concern
  - Environmental issues
  - Infrastructure security breaches
  - Suspicious activities
  - Terrorist-related events
- Notifies
  - Federal and State On-Scene Coordinators (OSC)
  - EPA and USCG Headquarters
- Preparedness role of NRC - Support National Response System (NRS) planning



# National Response Center Overview

- Report Suspicious Activity to call or contact:
  - National Response Center (NRC) at  
**877-24WATCH (877-249-2824)**
  - Immediate danger to life or property, call 911
  - U.S. Coast Guard on Marine Channel 16 or via telephone.



# National Response Center Overview

- According to 40 CFR 302.6:  
*The Responsible Party (RP) must immediately notify the National Response Center (NRC) at 1-800-424-8802 or fax at 202-267-1322 as soon as one has knowledge of a CERCLA<sup>1</sup> hazardous substance release from a facility or vessel in a quantity that equals or exceeds the RQ.”*
- Contacting the local Coast Guard Command Center is sufficient enough to comply with 40 CFR 302.6



<sup>1</sup>CERCLA is the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act



# What is the Critical Infrastructure?

- **Defined as** - the physical and cyber systems and assets so vital to the US that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating affect on:
  - Physical security
  - Economy
  - Public health and safety
- The critical infrastructure provides the essential services that underpin our society





# What Should We Be Looking At?



# What is the National Response System?

- Comprised of
  - Federal On-Scene Coordinators (OSC)
  - 13 Regional Response Teams (RRT)
  - National Response Team (NRT)
    - *Provides technical assistance, resources and coordination*
  - Area Committees
  - State and local Governments
  - Special Teams
  - Joint Response Teams with neighboring countries
  - Regulated Industry



# America's Waterway Watch Is

- AWW is
  - A public awareness program
  - Leverages the boating community
  - Like “neighborhood watch”
  - Like WWII “Coastal Watch” Program
  - A “see something, say something” campaign
- AWW is not
  - Spying on our neighbors
  - An intelligence gathering program
  - Law enforcement investigation activity



# What Do We Look For?

- Unusual operations of
  - Vessel or small boats
  - Vehicles on land in/around waterways
- Individual(s) activities
  - Taking still photos or videos of
    - Bridges, vehicles, facilities and other infrastructure
    - Government buildings
    - Government vessels or facilities
  - Other items that might cause harm



# What Do We Look For (Cont.)?

- People running away from
  - Area(s) near a secure facility
  - Critical infrastructure (e.g. power plant)
- Engaged in what looks like surveillance
- Any conditions that look suspicious or don't look right
- What appears to be a physical breach of security



# Again, What Do We Look For?

- Suspicious and unknown individuals
  - Loitering
  - Photographing, sketching or surveilling buildings, facilities, structures, etc.
  - Unusual activities (e.g. fishing and boating at odd times and/or places)
  - Clothing not appropriate
  - Asking inappropriate questions
  - Inquiring about security for public events
- Boats discharging persons or objects at unusual locations





HELP SAMMY THE SEA OTTER  
KEEP OUR WATERS CLEAN

SAMMY the SEA OTTER

# Sea Partners



# What is Sea Partners?

- Environmental education and outreach program
- Develop community awareness of maritime pollution
- Improve compliance with marine environmental protection laws and regulations.





# What is Sea Partners Message?

- An understanding of the effects of pollutants in the marine environment
  - Oil
  - Hazardous chemicals
  - Waste and debris
- How marine environmental protection laws and regulations apply to marine users
- Ways groups and individuals can take action to protect the marine environment



# Goals of Sea Partners

- Increase compliance with marine environmental protection (MEP) laws and regulations
- Educate waterways users on MEP laws and regulations
- Raise community awareness of marine pollution issues
- Prevent discharge of marine pollutants
- Increase citizen reporting of marine pollution issues



# Sea Partners Program Organization

- U.S. Coast Guard
  - Each Sector encouraged to have Sea Partners trained teams
  - Reserve members can receive orders to participate
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
  - Support Sector activities
  - Work through traditional Auxiliary outlets
    - Boating safety classes
    - Vessel safety checks
    - Marina visits
    - Boat show booths





# AUXSCOUT Program



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- Boy Scouts program supported by USCG
- Authorized to use training and recreation facilities of USCG
- Participate in USCG operations
- 2009 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) allows units to partner on projects (e.g. RBS)
- 2018 MOA revision created AUXSCOUT
- AUXSCOUT Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to guide the conduct of the program



# AUXSCOUT MOA (2018)

## ➤ Parties

- United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Boy Scouts of America
- Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc.

## ➤ Purpose

- Enhance common goals of promoting RBS
- Strengthen ties between the groups
- Afford Sea Scouts Auxiliary training opportunities
- Integrate vessels (units) into Auxiliary's programs
- Pathway for Sea Scouts to Auxiliary membership



# AUXSCOUT MOA (2018)

- Auxiliary Responsibilities
  - Conduct RBS projects with Sea Scouts
  - Shore-side and underway training
  - Safety checks on BSA/Sea Scouts vessels
  - Incorporate Sea Scout vessels on flotillas
  - Provide RBS and other literature
  - Designate a Point of Contact (POC) for MOA
  - Obtain and protect PII
  - Require youth protection training (< 18 years)



# AUXSCOUT Activities

- Operational activities/requirements
  - Vessel safety checks on BSA facilities
  - Auxiliary provide RBS and other literature
  - Auxiliary provide shore-side/underway training to Sea Scouts and other members of the BSA
  - Auxiliary ensure Sea Scouts/Leaders have personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - Auxiliary facilities with Sea Scouts aboard shall not be scheduled for SAR missions.
  - Ensure order issuing authority is aware facility will be carrying Sea Scouts/Leaders are on board





# AUXSCOUT Activities

- Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)
  - STEM activities authorized to be provided by Auxiliarists to Sea Scouts to supplement and not replace, Sea Scout rank requirements
  - STEM projects shall only be performed if they are aligned with Auxiliary training methods and materials.



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# Questions?

