

# Marine Safety & Environmental Protection



**A Primer for MS DIVISION  
Staff Officers**

# PLEASE NOTE

**This presentation focuses on  
roles and responsibilities of  
Marine Safety DIVISION  
Staff Officers (SO-MS)**

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presentation, please view  
the presentation for  
ALL MS Staff Officers:**

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# Overview for Division Staff Officers (SO-MS)



- **SO-MS Appointment**
- **SO-MS Duties and Responsibilities**
- **SO-MS Training and Education**
- **Auxiliary Volunteer Support and Outreach**

# Division Staff Officer (SO-MS)



- Appointed by the Division Commander (DCDR) for a one year term
- Responsible for the Marine Safety program at the Division level
- Reports to the Vice Division Commander (VDCDR) and the DSO-MS (often through a regional ADSO)

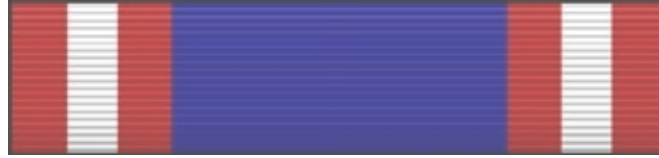
*NOTE: There are no Assistant Division Staff Officers for Marine Safety*



# SO-MS Duties and Responsibilities

- **Manages the MS/MEP program within their Division and coordinates activities with flotillas**
- **Keeps DSO/ADSO informed of plans, missions, and activities**
- **Provides training opportunities for Flotilla Staff Officers for Marine Safety (FSO-MS)**
- **Delivers member training presentations to Division Board and staff**
- **Organizes Division-level MS/MEP activities and other duties as may be assigned by the DCDR**
- **Develops, encourages, and maintains Division-wide interest in MS/MEP missions**





## **SO-MS Recommended Training**

- **Good Mate course**
- **IMSEP course**
- **Incident Command System Courses 100, 200, 210, 700 and 800**
- **MS/MEP qualifications found under MS on the Prevention website (MSAM highly recommended)**
- **Marine Safety Training Ribbon:**
  - **One MS/MEP qualification**
  - **Opportunity to learn the qualification process**
  - **Enables SO-MS to lead with full program experience**
- **Participation in MS/MEP activities and missions in their AOR**

# Auxiliary Volunteer Support and Outreach



- Waterway cleanups
- Sea Partners
- External organizations and PA events
  - Local conservancy groups
  - Civic organizations
  - Yacht and paddlesport clubs
  - Schools, colleges and universities
- Marina visits
- Flotilla and Division PA events



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