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HURRICANE AND NATURAL DISASTER CONTINGENCY PLAN

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1. Mission

This plan describes US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 99, preparedness, training and response operations for severe heavy weather, including hurricanes, tornadoes and other natural disasters such as floods or earthquakes, and the appropriate deployment of Coast Guard Auxiliary resources which may be executed in conjunction with other Coast Guard units or separately.

2. General

- A. In the event of severe weather or another natural disasters occurring in our Seventh District but not directly affecting this flotilla, Auxiliarists from this flotilla can be expected to continue to perform our peacetime role of assisting the Coast Guard in promoting maritime safety, and conducting SAR missions. We will continue to provide Auxiliary facilities including surface and radio facilities as well as specifically trained and qualified Auxiliarists as backfill replacement or augmentation to Coast Guard Units such as Coast Guard Radio Watch Standers, qualified small boat crew and coxswains, ATON repair specialists, etc.

- B. Such individually trained Auxiliarists with specialty equipped surface operations vessels can greatly assist the Coast Guard by performing tasks such as, but not limited to, checking ATONS, channels, pollution, marine terminals, floating debris/hazards, available ramps, and disabled boats for survivors; or transporting personnel, supplies, equipment or FEMA personnel and other officials. Auxiliary manned station and mobile VHF-FM facilities integrated with long range HF-SSB communications base station nets are ideally suited to the Coast Guard's Incident Communications System.

3. Limitations

- A. In the event of a natural disaster occurring in this flotilla's area, our members have the priority of looking after their family and their property needs first, so assistance for immediate post storm operations should be drawn from nearby flotillas/divisions in unaffected areas.

- B. Auxiliary surface and air assets will normally operate during daylight hours with the exception of emergency SAR or vessels with special equipment such as searchlights, radar or night vision equipment etc.

- C. All mission tasking must come from the US Coast Guard order issuing authority, although our flotilla resources are prepared to operate in a multi-agency responsive environment with other governmental agencies.

- D. Our flotilla will not be the sole or lead responders to an emergency. This plan exists primarily for Auxiliarists and their facilities to support the Coast Guard, which may or may not have arrangements with other municipal, state, Red Cross, or Federal Agencies. Our members, when invited to do so by our order issuing Coast Guard authority, are willing to participate in the planning of and training in disaster plans, as a member of "Coast Guard Forces".

4. Time Frames

A. HIRCON V

This is a stand down condition set from **1 December to 31 May** each year except when modified by a rare winter hurricane.

- a. **Prior to 28 February** of each year, our Auxiliary Flotilla Commander or designate shall provide the Division Commander a copy of this Disaster Plan, a list of the flotilla members with a calling tree indicating the names, member numbers, addresses, phone numbers, cellular phone numbers, and E-Mail addresses. A resource list of vessel operational facilities including PWCs, VHF-FM radio facilities (both land and mobile) shall be included.

- b. **Prior to 28 February** of each year, the flotilla shall assemble the entire Plan and make copies, for the DCDR, the SO-OP, the SO-CM, the FSO-OP and the FSO-CM.

- c. During the months of January and February our flotilla, in conjunction with a division designee will hold planning liaison meetings with our Coast Guard order issuing authority. Topics should include as a minimum; points of contact, radio frequencies for control nets, locations of shelters and storage areas and a program to conduct post heavy weather contingency exercises and drills.

B. HURCON IV

This is a seasonal condition automatically set for all units from **1 June through 30 November** each year, unless directed otherwise by the District Commander.

- a. During the month of June, the flotilla shall conduct emergency Heavy Weather Contingency training and review with their members all their plans and the requirements for Conditions 3, 2, 1, and Post Storm Operations and ensure that all prior requirements of Condition Five were met.

- b. **During the month of June**, all flotilla rosters and calling trees should be reexamined, amended as needed, and forwarded to the division designee, which shall note the changes in their plan and forward it to the SO-OP.
- c. **Prior to 30 June**, all Auxiliarists should review their family evacuation - safe haven plans and advise their Flotilla Commander of any changes. All vessels, mobile supports units, and generators should be maintained at least a **70% fuel capacity**.

C. HURCON III

This is the readiness condition in which threatening winds are possible within 48 hours. For the purpose of setting conditions, "threatening winds" is defined as sustained 50-knot winds. For the purpose of establishing a readiness to be deployed, "alert status" is defined as ready for deployment or activation within 24 hours.

NOTE: because the primary responsibility of all Auxiliarists is the safety of their own family and property, **CONDITIONS THREE, TWO, ONE and POST STORM OPERATIONS** are divided into two sections depending on whether or not this flotilla is within or outside the targeted area.

WITHIN THE TARGETED AREA:

1. The FC, VFC and SO-OP or other designated staff officers shall ensure that all contingency plans for Conditions Four and Five have been met and are current.
2. All flotilla members should prepare for evacuation, secure their facilities, homes and personal property and prepare their evacuation kit. If applicable, flotilla building, property and records should be secured.
3. Large vessels should be moved to pre-selected sheltered moorings.

NOTE: Most drawbridges may not be open in Condition Two. Check local evacuation plans. **Trailerable boats** should be taken to their predesignated area and prepared for heavy rains and winds.

4. The FC, VFC, FSO-OP or other designated flotilla officer contacts the DCDR or VCDR and advises that the flotilla has completed Condition Three requirements.

OUTSIDE THE TARGETED AREA:

5. The DCDR, VCDR, SO-OP or other designated division staff officer of the division adjacent to the target area will contact its flotillas to put them on alert status and make a list of Auxiliary resources ready and available to respond.
6. All other operational facilities including PWCs should be **100% fueled** and provisioned with some food and water, a change of clothing along with all the additional equipment as required and report their "alert status" to their FC, VFC, FSO-OP or other designated staff officer who will relay this information to the DCDR or VCDR. Towing vehicles shall also be fully fueled and readied.
7. VHF-FM stations and Long Range HF-SSB stations should ensure the readiness of emergency battery power for their communications equipment and conduct an exercise to verify communications and report their readiness to their FC, VFC, SO-CM or other designated staff officer who will relay this information to the DCDR or VCDR. These stations should be placed on an "alert status" ready to activate their nets within 24-hour notice. Starting in Condition Two, Watchstander schedules for 24-hour coverage should be prepared.

D. HURCON II

This is the readiness condition in which threatening winds are possible within 24 hours.

WITHIN THE TARGETED AREA:

1. All the flotilla members should have secured their properties and evacuated.
[Note: All Auxiliarists should also take with them an auxiliary working uniform and identification card to aid them in accessing restricted areas.]

OUTSIDE THE TARGETED AREA:

1. The FC, VFC, FSO-OP or designated staff officer shall check that all the requirements for the prior conditions are met.
2. Flotilla VHF and long range HF-SSB nets are activated and their Coast Guard order issuing authority, SO-CM or other designated division officer is advised. All nets in the adjoining flotillas and divisions are on a 24-hour communications schedule.

E. HURCON I

This is the dangerous condition extending from when threatening winds are expected within 12 hours also the period during the storm and shortly after the storm has passed.

WITHIN THE TARGETED AREA:

1. All the flotilla members should have secured their properties and have evacuated.

OUTSIDE THE TARGETED AREA:

1. Adjoining divisions and flotillas shall check that all prior conditions have been met.
2. All VHF-FM and long-range HF-SSB radio nets are operational and integrated. They should be reporting hourly or as needed to handle emergency traffic to the Auxiliary District Net Controller.
3. All Auxiliarists on alert status are fully prepared and resting but readily available to be deployed within 3 hours.

F. CONDITION- POST STORM

The period after the storm has passed and there is no possibility of it returning to the affected area.

NOTE: When District Commander resets HURCON IV, all Auxiliary units should automatically reset to Condition Four.

WITHIN THE AFFECTED AREA:

Again it should be stressed that the primary responsibility for all Auxiliarists are to the safety of their own property and families and as such, Auxiliarists within a disaster area are not to be utilized in post storm operations until they have completed their damage assessments, secured their personal property, recovered from all the damaging effects from the storm and advised the nearest order issuing authority of their availability.

Attachments Flotilla 99 Plan:

- A. Unit Elected and Appointed Officers
- B. Unit Membership Directory
- C. Calling Tree
- D. Emergency Contact List
- E. Facility List
- F. HURCON List
- G. NOAA Hurricane Conditions Scale
- H. Everbridge Instructions

