

## **District Staff Officer-Public Affairs Monthly Report**

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**Most Divisions reported; however, it is noted that Divisions 1, 10, and 4 are not reporting due to lack of SO PA involvement. Hopefully, this will be rectified in the coming year. Divisions are actively promoting boating safety classes throughout District 7 with articles that promote classes and Auxiliary missions.**

### **U.S. Coast Guard Support:**

**ADSO PA North:** Roy Crittenden reports that **Div. 17** SO-PA gave support to CGSTA Canaveral and CG MSD.

- 1. Community Support North: Division 2 (25)** is making plans to exhibit at the Greenville, S.C. Boat Show. SO PA Crittenden is gearing up **Div. 2** members to work at the Atlanta Boat Show at the Georgia World Congress Center. **(Flotilla 29)** David Joyce gave a safe boating presentation to local Boy Scouts. **Division 17 (17-11)** held their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Fill the Boat" toy drive to support children of homeless vets in Orlando and Osceola Counties. Active CG from STA Port Canaveral, civil air patrol, Orange County Sheriff's and Kissimmee Police and Departments assisted. The American Legion and the Auxiliary wrapped over 900 items valued at over \$6,000. **Special Involvement: Division 2 (25)** FSO PA Rudy wrote and sent an article "Hypothermia Can Kill You" to *Hartwell Lake News*, *the Country Roads Magazine* and to a fishing club in Erie, PA for publication in their newsletter. **(29)** FSO-PA Crittenden had his monthly article, "Atlanta Boat Show Coming Up" in the *Lakeside on Lanier* newspaper. **Division 17** had PE releases in local newspapers. **(17-9)** submitted a story on recruiting to local media.

**ADSO PA South:** Lourdes Oliveras reports that **Division 13 (13-3)** members performed crew training and helped with crowd control for the National Power Boat races in Key West. They conducted ten patrols for Marine Safety and had 8 AUXAIR support missions. **Division 16 (16-1)** flew 21 missions for Air Station BQN (7 MOM, 2 SAR, 9 Logistics and 3 training. AUXAIR in RIO St. Croix also participated in transportation of Sector personnel in an island interagency exercise in emergency preparedness involving cruise ships.

- 1. Community Support South: Division 13 (13-3)** BS&S course in progress with 21 students. **(13-2)** has 15 students in BS&S course. SO-PA Redding has applied for a \$10,000 Boat US Grant to purchase a "Coastie" boat to further boating education with Elementary students. **Division 16** provided Safety Zones for the International Regatta.

**ADSO PA East:** Diane Riggan reports: **Division 3** supported STA Fort Lauderdale during their blood drive. **Division 5** donated \$2,500 to a Coast Guardsman in need in the Fort Lauderdale area. **(56, 58 and 59)** provided funds for the STA Fort Pierce children's Christmas party. Over 40 children attended the event. Santa arrived on the CG 45 boat.

1. **Community Support: Division 3** FC Bill Bartley spoke at Boca Raton Cemetery on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. **Division 5** participated in the quarterly *Coffee with City Manager* in Stuart. The Auxiliary is working with Stuart businesses and other organizations to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Stuart. **Special Involvement: Division 3 (38)** *Waterfront Times* featured the flotilla's ABS course with interviews of instructors and a photo of member Joe Aleba demonstrating docking techniques. They also staffed a safe boating exhibit at the Bass Pro Shop in Dania Beach.

**ADSO PA West:** Toni Borman reports: **Division 8** Fesko and Jones worked 88 hours of watchstanding at STA Cortez. B. Beckett trained 7 hours with active CG. Members also continue to support TSA. B. Scott and K. Owens continue their support to the AUXCHEF program **(86)** members Howington and Ron and Jane Touchton continue to work at STA Cortez. **(82, 83, 85)** worked together to use the facility Mini T as a target for law enforcement training. STA Cortez held their annual Christmas party at **(84)**. **Division 9 (91)** continues radio watch at STA Fort Myers Beach. STA CO Jeffery Kerner was a guest speaker at 9-3's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. DSO PA Irvin attended the event along with IPCO Brown and Division 9 Commander Crockwell. **(96)** members are credited with a life-saving event during a MOM patrol. **(9-10)** members towed a deceased (pregnant) manatee to a local boat ramp for pick up by FWS. AUXCHEF members **(99 and 9-10)** continue to prepare meals at STA Fort Myers Beach on a weekly basis. **Division 11** is co-sponsoring the Coast Guard Band's visit to our area and are actively seeking funds and volunteers for the event. They also continue support of STA Sand Key and Air Station Clearwater. **(11-10)** continues multiple on the water patrols and support with CG C-130 practices. **Division 15 (15-1)** held a Christmas luncheon for STA Yankeetown on two separate dates. **(15-8)** participated in a Christmas party at STA Yankeetown.

1. **Community Support: Division 7** is heavily involved in preparing for the January 2013 Gasparilla Pirate Invasion. They are also working on upcoming events with McDill Air Show and the Tropicana Field Boat Show. **Division 8** is actively conducting PE classes. **(81 and 85)** are working jointly on PE classes. **(84)** is targeting having PA events once a month to promote the auxiliary and its missions. **(86)** was involved with the Venice Holiday Parade and Boat Parade. They demonstrated their radio equipment by setting up their communications trailer at the Manatee County Convention Center. **Division 9 (91)** Dan Eaton chaired the Ft. Myers Beach Christmas Parade. **(98)** had an RBS booth at Punta Gorda Isles Boat Show. **(9-10)** members hosted a children's Christmas party at STA Fort Myers Beach. **Division 11 (11-1)** is pushing attendance for the Coast Band visit. **Division 15 (15-1)** has been involved with the Veterans Expo at Crystal River and at a local West Marine, as well as participating in a local Christmas parade. **(15-2)** had their COW. **(15-3)** had their COW and will be involved in two parades at Leeward Air

Ranch and on Lake Wier. **(15-8)** was involved in a Brooksville holiday parade and worked with the Gulf Coast Academy to provide an ABS course to students.

**Special Involvement:** **(86)** Judi Bidwick had Division photos on Auxiliary Live and both Judi and Al had their award winning photos appear in the Navigator. Judi did an hour long interview on WENC radio about Auxiliary missions. **(87)** Dave Neilsen continues to write for *Waterline Magazine*.

**Division 9 (93)** Adubato published an article in *the Naples Daily News* on Auxiliary events at Naples's Grand Opening of a West Marine Store and on Museum Day at Naples's Railway Museum. **Division 15** two articles were submitted in local newspapers (*Citrus County Chronicle and Homosassa Beacon*).

**Unique Support your department has provided to the USCG missions:**

The PA Team in D7 continues to support CG Active with numerous articles in various media outlets including, television, print and radio.

**Indicate any assistance your department needs to function that is lacking:**

Our department continues to receive excellent support from elected officials.