

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

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**All areas of D7 PA show active involvement with the various Coast Guard stations and in presenting Boating Safety classes and in promoting VSCs. Much of this activity has resulted in either print coverage, radio interviews or television coverage.**

### **1. Describe how your department has demonstrated its ability to the USCG Missions:**

**ADSO-PA North:** Roy Crittenden reports that Division 2 member Miguel Corco will serve as an interpreter for International Training in Barbados. Division 12 members are exploring ways to assist Station Charleston with PA duties. Division 12 member also are involved in plans to do watch standing on the CGCutter Oak. Three members of Division 12 supported a QE for Station Georgetown. This was a first for them.

**ADSO-PA South:** Lourdes Oliveras reports that Division 1 supported a CG-SAR demonstration and the Ponce's 2112 Expo-Nautica Boat Show. Five members of Division 1 are actively involved in the Boat Crew Course offered at the Station in CG Base-Sector San Juan. Division 13 members continue radio watch standing at Stations Marathon and Key West. They are actively conducting ATON checks for Sector Key West. 40 Auxiliarists in Division 13 attended Station Islamorada to be trained as pollution investigators at the request of Sector Key West personnel. Division 13 donated a hand carved bench to Station Marathon and assisted CG Helos and fixed wing aircraft with on-the-water training and SAR drops. Division 16 supported USCG SAR Operation and assisted on sail boat races.

**ADSO-East:** Diane Riggan reports that three Aux members from Division 3 donated blood to help STA Fort Lauderdale CG members meet the "quota". Division 5 members from 56, 58 and 59 acted as stand-in parents at the Weatherbee Elementary School at the request of PO Santillan, STA Fort Pierce. Division 6 member Julian Corrales will act as an interpreter for the Tradewinds military exercise scheduled for June in Barbados.

**ADSO-West:** Toni Borman reports that Division 7 is working with CG personnel and FWC to assist in sponsoring a major event at the Gandy Boat Ramp during NSBW. Division 8 continues to support TSA by participating in Security Checks at the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport. 81 member, Dick Petrucci, gave a Flight Safety presentation to Clearwater Air Station and Savanna Georgia CG Air Station. Division 8 members volunteered more than 40 hours as AUXCHEF workers at STACortez. 85 members hold weekly sessions in chart reading and navigation for CG members at STA Cortez as well as doing radio watch standing. Division 9 (91) members continue to do radio watch standing at STAFort Myers Beach approximately 30 hours per month. 93, 96 and 98 had articles on safe boating published in the Naples Daily News and the "Harbor Style" Magazine.

Division 11 participated in the Clearwater Coast Guard City Celebration and received a “well done” from Mayor Hibbard. Dave Neilsen continues to write bi-monthly boating safety articles for the Waterline magazine.

**ADSO-PA:** Bill Swank contributed to an article on the development of the New Dominican Naval Auxiliary which appeared in the Caribbean magazine, “All at Sea”. Swank continues to work with USCG D7 PAO.

**ADSO-PA:** Rusty Gartner continues to work on his social media plan for 2012.

**2. Unique Support your department has provided to the USCG Missions:** D7 personnel, Stephenson, Irvin, Ryan and Papabeis videotaped Oral History Interviews with former CG WWII members, Kurtz and Rowe. The interviews were held in Fort Myers, FL and garnered television coverage which landed on the National CGAux PA Navigator Express, with a photo by G. Papabeis of Kurtz being interviewed earning photo of the week on the National PA site. An article and photo coverage by Irvin on this interview is scheduled for D7 Breeze. G. Ryan is finishing the editing of the first OHI which stars Arnold Palmer. ADSO-PA South, Lourdes Oliveras gathered information and photos of a downed aircraft in the Bahamas which was spotted by AuxAir crewmembers and resulted in the two people in the aircraft being rescued by CG out of Miami. Oliveras’s article is scheduled to appear in the Breeze. Division 13 had *Free Press* coverage of their joint training with a CG helicopter operation. Five members of D7 attended the C-School Aux-12 for Public Affairs.

**3. Provide information on any department issues, action taken and issue status:** DSO is still trying to find a qualified person to act as ADSO-PA Northeast for Divisions 4, 14 and 17.

**4. Indicate any assistance your department needs to function that is lacking:** The PA department continues to receive support from elected officials.