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Subj: AUXILIARY AVIATION PPE and DAY/NIGHT PYROTECHNIC FLARES UPDATE - CG-BSX POLICY LETTER 21-04

To all Coast Guard Auxiliary Personnel:

1. On 17 December 2021, the Chief Director of the Auxiliary signed CG-BSX Policy Letter 21-04, Auxiliary Aviation PPE and day/night pyrotechnic flares update. The purpose of this policy letter is to update Auxiliary aviation Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) policies in the Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual, COMDTINST M16798.3 (series), Annex 1, section D.
2. Day/night pyrotechnic flares are to be removed from Auxiliary aircraft and replaced with at least one Coast Guard approved electronic Visual Distress Signaling Device (eVDSD) onboard the aircraft by 01 June 2022 or by the expiration date of the pyrotechnics currently onboard the aircraft if that is prior to 01 June 2022, whichever date comes first.
3. The eVDSD replaces the nighttime portion of the pyrotechnic. The dye marker or sea rescue device, as required air crewmember survival equipment, replaces the day portion of the pyrotechnic.
4. All District Directors of Auxiliary (DIRAUX), Operations Training Officers (OTO), and Auxiliarists must comply with the provisions in this Policy Letter.
5. The policy letter can be found on the Coast Guard Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX) website at: [CG-BSX Policy Letters](#).
6. Internet Release is authorized.

For many reasons including the value of keeping communication lines clear and open as well as facilitating access to training and educational tools, all Auxiliarists are urged to have their own email address and to keep it updated in AUXDATA.

*All ALAUX's are posted on the Chief Director of Auxiliary web site located at: [CHDIRAUX ALAUX](#)

If you have a question regarding this ALAUX, please seek resolution within your Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM) including up to your servicing District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX). If your question still cannot be resolved after that, then please email CGAUX@uscg.mil.