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SUBJ: INCREASED AUXILIARY SUPPORT FOR THE MARINE SAFETY, SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAM

A. MARINE SAFETY MANUAL, VOLUME 1, (ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT)

COMDTINST M16000.6.

B. AUXILIARY AUGMENTATION SURVEY OF M FIELD COMMANDS, DATED JAN03

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1. INTRODUCTION:

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOST OF M-SPECIFIC AUXILIARY QUALIFICATIONS (PQSS). AUXILIARISTS HAVE LONG BEEN INVITED TO PURSUE DESIGNATION IN A NUMBER OF THE PRE-EXISTING M PQSS, WHICH WERE DEVELOPED PRIMARILY FOR FULL-TIME AND RESERVE CG PERSONNEL, BUT THE 10 PQSS PROMULGATED IN THIS MESSAGE ARE ENGINEERED SPECIFICALLY FOR AUXILIARISTS AND WILL ENABLE AUXILIARY PERSONNEL TO MORE FULLY AUGMENT M UNIT COMMANDERS IN THEIR EXECUTION OF KEY MISSION AREAS. THE M AUXILIARY QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: ASSISTANT CONTAINER INSPECTOR (AUX-CI), ASST POLLUTION INVESTIGATOR (AUX-ED), ASST HARBOR SAFETY SPECIALIST (AUX-EK), ASST POLLUTION RESPONSE SPECIALIST (AUX-ET), ASST FACILITIES INSPECTOR (AUX-EU), ASST LIFERAFT INSPECTOR (AUX-LR), MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST (AUX-MEES), MARINE SAFETY ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST (AUX-MSAM), MARINE SAFETY WATCHSTANDER (AUX-MSW), UN INSPECTED PASSENGER VESSEL EXAMINER (AUX-UPV).

THE ASSOCIATED PQS QUALIFICATION BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE VIA THE CG INTRANET AT [HTTP://CGWEB.COMDT.USCG.MIL/G-MR/MR-P/PQSS.HTM](http://CGWEB.COMDT.USCG.MIL/G-MR/MR-P/PQSS.HTM).

2. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

A. I WANT TO THANK EACH MEMBER OF TEAM COAST GUARD WHO SO DILIGENTLY SUPPORTS M MISSION EXECUTION IN THIS PARTICULARLY CHALLENGING TIME OF HIGH OPTEMPO. THIS INITIATIVE IS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE AUXILIARYS ABILITY TO AUGMENT THE EFFORTS OF THE M PROGRAM. BASED UPON THE FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM M FIELD UNITS IN RESPONSE TO REF B, I KNOW THAT YOU EMBRACE THE IDEA OF INCREASED AUXILIARY SUPPORT TO HELP MEET OPERATIONAL DEMANDS. THE NEEDS OF M FIELD UNITS ARE THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THIS INITIATIVE. I ASK EACH M FIELD UNIT COMMANDER TO REVIEW THE AVAILABLE M AUX PQSS, DETERMINE WHICH ARE NEEDED IN YOUR AOR, AND WORK WITH YOUR AUXILIARY LIAISON TO IDENTIFY AUX MEMBERS IN YOUR AREA WHO ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO PURSUE SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT THE ACTIVE DUTY TRAINING COORDINATOR AT EACH M FIELD UNIT WILL SERVE AS THE INITIAL MENTOR AND VERIFYING OFFICER IN A "TRAIN THE TRAINER" APPROACH. UPON CERTIFICATION, AUXILIARISTS WILL SERVE AS THE MENTOR AND VERIFYING OFFICER FOR SUCCESSIVE AUXILIARISTS SEEKING QUALIFICATION IN A PARTICULAR PQS.

NOTE:

MENTORS CAN SERVE AS VERIFYING OFFICER ONLY FOR THOSE QUALIFICATIONS IN WHICH THEY THEMSELVES ARE CERTIFIED. UPON COMPLETION OF THE PQS BOOKLET, CANDIDATES MUST PASS A QUALIFICATION PANEL, LEAD BY THE ACTIVE DUTY M UNIT TRAINING COORDINATOR TO OBTAIN A DESIGNATION. PANEL MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO PERSONNEL FROM ANY CG ELEMENT (I.E., ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE, CIVILIAN, AND/OR AUXILIARY), HOWEVER, PANEL MEMBERS MUST BE CERTIFIED IN THE SUBJECT QUALIFICATION OR A RELATED, HIGHER-LEVEL, ACTIVE DUTY PQS.

NOTE:

BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE NATURE OF THE AUX-MSAM PQS SUBJECT MATTER, VERIFICATION DUTIES FOR THIS QUALIFICATION WILL BE PERFORMED ONLY BY CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SAFETY, SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, USCG AUX (DC-M) OR DEPUTY CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SAFETY, SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, USCG AUX (DC-MD).

B. FULL-TIME M PERSONNEL SHOULD DIRECT POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION QUESTIONS TO COMDT (G-MRP-3), LCDR DAVID BAUGH, AT (202) 267-0793. AUXILIARY MEMBERS SHOULD ADDRESS THEIR RELATED QUESTIONS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DIRAUX.

3. DESIGNATION AND TRACKING OF QUALIFICATIONS:

UPON COMPLETION OF ALL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF A PARTICULAR PQS, THE AFFILIATED M UNIT COMMANDER WILL ISSUE A LETTER OF DESIGNATION TO THE MEMBER AND PROVIDE A COPY OF THE LETTER TO THE SPONSORING FLOTILLA COMMANDER. THE FLOTILLA COMMANDER WILL THEN VERIFY THE DESIGNATION AND FORWARD THE DESIGNATION LETTER TO THE ATTENDING DIRAUX, WHO WILL ENTER THE DESIGNATION INTO AUXDATA.

MUCH EFFORT WAS EXPENDED DEVELOPING THE AUXILIARY M PQSS TO ENSURE THE STANDARDS ARE ACHIEVABLE. THEREFORE, LETTERS OF DESIGNATION SHOULD ONLY BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE PARTICULAR PQS BOOKLET IN ITS ENTIRETY. DESIGNATIONS BASED ON ANYTHING OTHER THAN FULLY COMPLETED PQS BOOKLETS WILL BE CONSIDERED "LOCAL QUALIFICATIONS" AND SHALL NOT BE CAPTURED IN AUXDATA.

4. FUTURE PLANS:

PROCESSES ARE UNDER EVALUATION TO USE THESE PQS MEASURES AND OTHER AUXILIARY ELEMENTS IN THE READINESS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS) AND OTHER HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT-RELATED INITIATIVES. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT SOON AFTER THIS MESSAGE IS RELEASED, THE SUBJECT PQS BOOKLETS WILL ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET VIA THE G-OCX AUXILIARY WEB SITE. THE GUIDANCE PROMULGATED IN THIS MESSAGE WILL BE REFLECTED IN A FUTURE UPDATE TO REFERENCE A.

5. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

6. REAR ADMIRAL PAUL J. PLUTA, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR MARINE SAFETY, SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SENDS.

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