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Prevention Directorate





AUXILIARY PREVENTION DIRECTORATE: STRUCTURE, FUNCTION, MISSIONS AND TRAINING



1. **Prevention Directorate Mission:** Planning and administration of Auxiliary programs to support Prevention and Response programs of Coast Guard Operations Directorate.
2. **“Prevention”**
 - A. **RBS** - “Prevention” refers to public education and contact to “prevent” recreational boating accidents.
 - B. **Marine Safety** - “Prevention,” one of four Directorates in the Response/Prevention Directorate, is responsible for working to “prevent” safety, security and environmental incidents in marine environments, including both fresh and salt waters through direct and indirect missions supporting USCG actions, member activities and public outreach.

3. Prevention Directorate Divisions and Responsibilities

- A. Navigation Systems Division - DVC-PN
 - 1-AtoN Verification
 - 2-PAtoN Verification
 - 3-Chart Updating
 - 4-Bridge Verification and Administration
- B. Port and Facility Activities Division - DVC-PS
 - 1-Container Inspections
 - 2-Marine Safety-oriented MOM Patrols
 - 3-Waterways Management, including marine event planning and support.
 - 4-Regulated Facilities (not AUX vessels)



C. Commercial Vessel Activities Division – DVC-PV

1-Inspected Commercial Vessels: Domestic Vessels including T-boat, K-boat, and Passenger vessels.

2-Uninspected Commercial Vessels: UPVs, UTVs and Commercial Fishing Vessels (up to 6-pack).



D. Prevention Outreach Division – DVC-PW

1-America's Waterway Watch

2-Sea Partners

3-Aquatic Nuisance Species Resources

4-Living Marine Mammals Resources

5-Good Mate Program



E. Communication and Education – DVC-PO

1-Prevention Directorate Website

2-Prevention Directorate Newsletter, **Safety Lines**

3-Grant Support

4-Marine Safety Training Program

5- Marine Safety Training Ribbon and M-Pro Pin

6-Special Projects



4. **Missions = Activities.** What does the Auxiliary do to promote the achievement of mission goals?

- A. Support for marine environmental response missions.
- B. Port safety/security inspections and exams.
- C. Commercial vessel safety and security inspection support and exams (UTV, UPV, CFVE and other foreign and domestic vessels).
- D. Container inspection assistance.
- E. Waterways management/navigation systems missions and support.
- F. Mariner licensing/documentation/course audits, if requested.
- G. America's Waterway Watch presentations
- H. Environmental education/Sea Partners missions and presentations.
- I. MISLE support.
- J. MS/MEP training and administration of programs.
- K. Newsletter and website information/resources.

5. **Training** How do Auxiliarists gain the skills and knowledge needed to participate in Prevention missions?

A. **Education** - Courses

- 1-Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection – AUXOP, 2 pts.
- 2-Good Mate – Clean boating for marinas and individuals
- 3-ICS courses – 100, 200, 210, 700 and 800

B. **Performance Qualification Standards (PQSs)** – training for MS/MEP qualifications involving a Verifying Officer who holds the Qualification, Task Sign-off and an Oral Board to earn a Letter of Designation for a particular qualification.

C. **Service** – any hours in Marine Safety or Environmental Protection that support USCG missions and goals as defined in the AUXDATA II directions.

D. **Marine Safety Training Ribbon Requirements (MSTR)**

- 1-All seven (7) MS courses
- 2-One (1) MS/MEP Qualification as shown by a Letter of Designation, earned by completing a Performance Qualification Standard and passing an oral board.
- 3-Highly recommended for members serving as MS Staff Officers at any level for program knowledge and managerial competence.
- 4-Signature of the DSO-MS on MSTR application.



E. **M-Pro Pin Requirements** (formerly known as Trident)

- 1-All seven (7) MS courses
- 2-Four (4) MS/MEP Qualifications as listed on the Prevention Directorate website.
- 3-96 hours of service in MS/MEP missions per year for 5 years as recorded in AUXDATA II.

- 4-Letter of Recommendation from the Captain of the Port (COTP)
- 5-Signature of the DSO-MS on the M-Pro Pin application.



F. Note:

- 1-Each District may serve more than one Sector, and each Sector will have needs based on physical and cultural factors. A Sector will only train AUX members for a Qualification that is needed in that Sector.
- 2-Each Sector will send information via the DSO-MS and ASC about opportunities for AUX members to serve at the local Sector in Prevention and Response.
- 3-ASCs should have MS/MEP program knowledge in the form of MS coursework and preferably at least one Qualification to enable them to do their job in a professional manner to the benefit of the USCG, the Auxiliary and the public.

6. Performance Qualification Standards (PQSs) - Training booklets for MS/MEP qualifications.

- A. A PQS is a training tool for an AUX member to acquire the knowledge and skills to execute the duties required of someone who holds the qualification. A Letter of Designation, issued by either DIRAUX or the COTP for a specific Qualification, signifies that the member has successfully completed the training and holds that qualification.
- B. 24 Qualifications are available in Marine Safety and Environmental Protection
 - 1-Two (2) are Auxiliary Only - cannot be trained by Active Duty.
 - A. Marine Safety Administration and Management Specialist (AUX MSAM) - highly recommended for all MS Staff Officers!
 - B. Prevention Outreach Specialist (AUX MEES)
 - C. They require a Verifying Officer (VO) who is an Auxiliarist holding a Letter of Designation for the qualification being trained.
 - D. Letter of Designation for both qualifications is signed by DIRAUX.
 - 2-15 are mentored by Active Duty VOs at Sectors on an "as needed" basis.
 - A. Include Qualifications such as Assistant Container Inspector, Assistant Contingency Planner, Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner, Facility Inspector, Pollution Responder. A complete list is available on the Prevention Directorate website under "MS PQS" in the sidebar. Qualifications on the website have PQS books that have been approved for AUXILIARY use; some tasks have been altered to remove our participation in direct LE and Military tasks, however most of the tasks are direct wording and include the same expectations as our Active Duty counterparts.
 - B. Two (2) are Active Duty Qualifications - Uninspected Towing Vessel Examiner and Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner; all other Active

Duty Qualifications shall not be earned by AUX members per an ALCOAST in 2008.

- C. Task sign-offs are performed by Active Duty VOs and the oral board is conducted by Sector personnel who hold the qualification.

3-Some PQS Qualification booklets may require a Direct Operational Clearance; if required, it is noted in the Prerequisites section of the records page in the Qualification booklet. It may be waived at the discretion of the Sector.

7. Member Activities in MS/MEP

- A. Some MS/MEP activities require a Qualification for member participation.
 - 1-Activities performed in support of USCG Sector missions like Container Inspections, Facility Inspections, Commercial Fishing Vessel Exams, Uninspected Passenger Vessel Exams, etc.
 - 2-A member may participate in training for a qualification without a requirement to hold the qualification.
- B. There is no formal Qualification for the missions listed below, however, the member must be knowledgeable about the mission requirements and information.
 - 1-America's Waterways Watch presentations
 - 2-Sea Partners presentations
 - 3-PA booth presentations
 - 4-MOM patrols
 - 5-Beach clean-ups
 - 6-PE, VE and PV events which should include MS/MEP information for the general public.
 - 7-Training for a specific Qualification.



- C. Recording MS/MEP time
 - 1-All travel time is reported using the codes shown in AUXDATA II.
 - 2-Mission hours are reported using the 7030 codes shown in the AUXDATA II descriptions including MS Staff Officer time.
 - A. Includes activities under USCG orders and Assignment to Duty. Most of our MS duties require Assignment to Duty by the Sector that members are working for. Exceptions could be Missions 1, 2, 3 and 6 as they may be under the DIRAUX, down the Auxiliary chain

(MOM patrols, Regatta patrols, Navigation System patrols and Operational training).

- B. Review codes for reporting various types of MS/MEP missions in the mission list found in the directions for AUXDATA II to be sure that the appropriate code is being used.

8. Communication

- A. The Chain of Communication for each District should be followed so that all personnel are kept apprised of ongoing events and information as well as any changes. This would include the DSO-MS, ASC and possibly D-CAPT as well as DDCs.
 - 1-The DSO-MS and the ASC are both in direct communication with MS/MEP personnel at a Sector. Information should be passed from the AUX LO to both positions to ensure that the MS chain and the DCO are kept informed of training opportunities and Sector support needs are being recognized and met.
 - 2-The DSO-MS is in communication with ADSOs-MS, SOs-MS, DDCs and D-CAPT regarding opportunities and needs of the Sector to ensure that proper MS/MEP training is being offered to all members who may be interested. This is vital because many DDCs and D-CAPT (and in some cases, even the ASC) may not be knowledgeable about Marine Safety and Environmental Protection topics and missions.
- B. The Prevention Directorate website is the national repository for all current manuals, forms and information about Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.
 - 1-Google searches return outdated and incorrect information to our members.
 - 2-District, Division and Flotilla websites should contain links to the national website to ensure accurate information for all members rather than downloads of manuals, forms or other information that may become outdated. This maintains currency for all members.
 - 3-All MS Staff Officers and members should visit the Prevention Directorate website on a regular basis for information updates, Marine Safety Alerts, etc.

- 9. **Prevention Contact Information can be found in the AUX Directory and on the Prevention Directorate Staff page. Personnel filing these positions may change every two years.**

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