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The items chosen for this Bulletin come from questions recently asked of the Telecommunications Division, are reminders to our telecommunications personnel, or are invitations for discussion. Bulletin items are not changes or modifications to existing policy.

Please distribute this Bulletin to your associates and down your chain of leadership. And, if you have

material you would like included in an upcoming Bulletin, please send it to my attention.

This Bulletin is published as needed and does not follow a schedule.

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Amateur Radio

For those who are Amateur Radio operators, we have established a DMR (Digital Mobile Radio) format talk group entitled "Coast Guard Auxiliary and Those Interested in the Auxiliary" talk group. According to policy, we cannot use this talk group for Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary business, but this is a perfect way to stay in touch with your fellow "ham" Auxiliarists and as a recruitment tool for perspective Auxiliary telecommunicators.

The talk group can be accessed by programming 3203211 into your DMR radio. For further information, contact Bill Walter, BC-RTI, at William.T.Walter@cgauxnet.us.

National Channel VHF Channel Plan

The first VHF repeater to be authorized on a National VHF Channel is in the final phase of approval. The repeater, operational on National Channel "NAT 3", is located at Mound Lake, Jackson Center, Ohio. It provides service to the Mound Lake area from a 200' tower at 1,500' ground elevation.

Congratulations should be given to 082-06-08 who obtained this repeater, the tower, equipment shelter, and 53 portable radios as a donation from the Logan County Sheriff's Office. For further information, contact Andy Ely, DVC-RT, at Andrew.W.Ely@cgauxnet.net.

PTT

A new talk group has been added to the AUXPTT system. Named "NAT.CM", it is available for use by communications Auxiliarists nationwide.

To have the NAT.CM channel added to your AUXPTT device, contact your DSO-CM officer. They will contact the National staff. For further information, contact Andy Ely, DVC-RT, at Andrew.W.Ely@cgauxnet.net.

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Auxiliarists with an approved CGAUX High Frequency (HF) radio facility can join the Department of Homeland Security’s SHARED RESources (SHARES) HF program.

SHARES is a partnership among federal, state, tribal, and local governments and selected critical infrastructure commercial entities to provide contingency communications should standard communications and networks be disrupted. Coast Guard Auxiliary radio stations are encouraged to join. SHARES supports voice and data modes including an impressive Winlink infrastructure. If you are interested in SHARES, contact Dave Rockwell, BC-RTC for more information or an application. Dave can be reached at david.rockwell@cgauxnet.us.

Aviation Call Signs

A new call sign format for Auxiliary Aircraft was announced on 14 April 2023 (BSX Policy Letter 22-02, 28 Feb 2022). This new format became effective on 16 June 2022 and the previous call sign format ceased at that time.

The previous system used a three-letter designator followed by the last four numerals of the aircraft’s registration number.

The new system assigns unique call signs in the active-duty format “C8xxx” to

ensure that Auxiliary aircraft are properly identified as Coast Guard aircraft while they execute missions under orders. DSO-AVs will communicate the new call signs to the Squadron pilots.

When verbally communicating with Air Traffic Control or a Coast Guard facility/asset, the aircraft will identify as “Coast Guard 8xxx” which is a unique call sign assigned by the National Aviation Team.

Auxiliary call signs start with the words “Coast Guard” and the word “Auxiliary” is no longer used.

