



U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
District Eleven North Region
DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT



To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore

05 OCT 2019

Cc: District Board and Staff

From: Bruce Martin, Division Commander

Division: 11

HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":

1. Patrols/Patons/Training
2. FireFest
3. Division elections/COW Planning

DETAILS:

1. MOM, Two-boat with Station and PATON patrols continued in September, including the Lake Tahoe Standup Paddle Board race (from the south end to the north end of the lake). After Labor Day recreational boat traffic begins to diminish.
2. The majority of PATONs are complete with reports being completed.
3. Division elections were held on SEP 23. Bruce Martin remains DCDR for another year, and Jim Snell will assume the role of VCDR for 2020. COW planning underway – contract reviewed by Legal and edited. Invitations out today.
4. 1104 does Lake Tahoe TV morning broadcasts on weekends, emphasizing boating safety. Those reports concluded in September, BZ to Sheila Starceviich of 1104 for conducting most of them!
5. Fire Fest public affairs activity held on Sat, SEP 21. The event has evolved into a multi-agency, multi-discipline fair. STA Lake Tahoe provided a response boat on trailer and we had a booth set up for PFD displays, knot board, etc. Sadly, a SAR case (drowning) on the Lake pulled several of the agencies away about an hour before closing time. Once again, cold water immersion is suspected.
6. Fellowship event – a dinner cruise on the Tahoe Gal– sponsored by Flotilla 1101.
7. Morale Day SEP 19 at Station Lake Tahoe conducted by BMC Fairchild; AUX members attended.

PROJECTS:

1. Complete UPV PQSs.
2. COW

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Attendance,
2. Succession planning,
3. and Recruitment!

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. Continued and regular interaction with Station Lake Tahoe via Watchstander/Boat Crew Tom Henderson.
2. Interacted with many agencies at Fire Fest including El Dorado Sheriff, El Dorado SAR, fire agencies,

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- Use Diversity Award elements as roadmap for Division activities. – begun
- Encourage flotilla events to be division-wide events – begun

- Support PA functions and tell our story – begun
- Don't break what's working – so far, so good.

Photos

Morale Day at STA Lake Tahoe



Morale Day went to the dogs with AUX Dan Powers 1101 and AUX Barbara Lewicki 1104.

Fire Fest – SEP 23 Hard Rock Casino Parking Lot, Stateline NV



AUX Jim Snell and MK1 at the boat; Jim in the info booth.



Auxiliary with El Dorado SAR volunteer.



AUX with Tahoe Douglas Fire and South Lake Tahoe Fire. Both agencies have response boats on the Lake.

Snow in SEP in the Division



Caples Lake off Highway 88 (CA). Snow made it to Lake Tahoe level; didn't last but it made a brief stop.
Time to check the drysuits!