



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



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HIGHLIGHTS:

1. CG Active Duty Cloth Mask Initiative
2. On-Line EDU
3. Uniform Wear
4. Wellness Checks
5. OPTREX-Reschedule
6. Expansion of Division Awards Program
7. AUXDATA II Training

DETAILS:

1. **CG Active Duty Cloth Mask Initiative:** Thanks to Wil Sumner for sharing Division 5th efforts in manufacturing cloth masks for Station Bodega Bay, and for taking time to talk with me about their process.

The Division 1 Board was very quick to support a similar initiative to provide masks for the active duty stations in our AOR. We originally planned to utilize donated ODU's for mask materials, however CDC and USCG recommendations suggested that neither rip stop fabric or t-shirt materials provided optimal breathability or protection. While we were able to utilize other donated materials for most of the mask liners, the Division Board approved two separate budget amendments to fund the purchase of appropriate materials.

To date our mask production team of Carol Paz (01-04) and Cynthia Dragon (01-07) have completed 246 masks, which have been distributed between the Pacific Strike Team, Station Golden Gate, Station San Francisco and Air Station SF. Each delivery included a cover letter from Division 1, that also referenced the Auxiliary Unit associated with that specific Station.

A huge Bravo Zulu goes out to Carol Paz and Cynthia Dragon for such an exceptional effort. Additional thanks go to our FCs and AUCs who coordinated authorization with the various stations for delivery: FC Linda Pfeifer (01-02) for Station Golden Gate, AUC Greg Catani (01-04) for the Pacific Strike Team, AUC Terry Blanchard (01-09) for Air Station SF and AUC Jim Losi (12-91) for Station San Francisco.

Finally, with our four active duty stations supplied, we have sufficient surplus masks to distribute to our four Flotillas for distribution to members as face to face meetings recommence.

Given the stand down and shelter in place conditions, a single point of contact was used for all pick-ups and deliveries, utilizing face masks and all social distancing protocols.

2. **On-Line EDU:** Members continue to take advantage of the various on-line training opportunities, with special emphasis on maintaining current competencies and managing Core Course expirations to assure our Members are ready to reengage as soon as operations resume.
3. **Uniform Wear:** Division leadership continues to focus on uniform compliance. Over the past month we've seen Flotilla Leadership recommend members wear their uniforms during video meetings, in conjunction with the full Uniform Protocol Power Point presentation with excellent participation and member discussion.
4. **Wellness Checks:** Division continues to encourage our Flotilla Leadership to find new ways to actively engage their members during the prolonged shelter in place and AUX Stand Down order. To our knowledge no cases of COVID-19 have been reported.
5. **OPTREX Rescheduling:** The Division 1 and 12 OPTREX has been rescheduled to October 16-17. The target event venue remains Marina Bay Harbor in Richmond. Planning will recommence as a clear path to the event emerges with lifting of the Shelter-in-Place and AUX Stand-Down orders. We anticipate we'll need a 10-week window in advance of the event date to assure our members have sufficient surface operations time to refresh their muscle memory and be fully prepared and vetted for QE check rides.
6. **Expansion of Division Awards Program:** While Division 1 has a robust annual awards program to recognize those members at the peak of performance across a wide range of activities, it's become evident that we need to provide more encouragement at lower levels. The primary drive behind an expanded awards system is to encourage greater support for member retention and use of the new AUXDATA II system. We've all acknowledged that transitionally our members to a fully on-line hours reporting system will be a challenge. Toward this end the Board has voted to create a committee to develop a new awards standard. The program will focus on recognizing annual hours reported at two lower levels. The type of award will likely include a Division 1 patch and Challenge coin.
7. **AUXDATA II Training:** Member training on the new AUXDATA II system is well underway throughout the Division. Many thanks to our SO-IS Robert Aston (01-04) for the long hours he's putting in to assure our Unit Information Service Officers and Members can navigate the new system. Training will be on-going.

PROJECTS:

1. Member Training: Continue to encourage our members to monitor Core Course expirations.
2. Joint OPTREX Planning with Division 12.
3. Expanded Awards Standard.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES:

1. Provide training opportunities based on need.
2. Member Recruitment and retention.
3. Increase Hours reporting
4. Facility development
5. Increase interaction, communication, shared events, and training between Flotillas.
6. Succession Planning

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. Continue to develop our relationship with Station Golden Gate.