

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



Date:September 5th, 2020To:Mary Kirkwood, District CommodoreFrom:Nancy Marion, Division CommanderCC:DCOS, VCDR, IPDCDR, SO-SR, 113-01 Flotilla CommandersDivision:August 2020 DCDR Report, 113-01 Senior Area

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1. Member Engagement
- 2. Dues Reductions
- **3.** Election Cycle
- 4. Phase I Rollout Update
- 5. On-Line EDU
- 6. Uniform Wear
- 7. Wellness Checks
- 8. OPTREX
- 9. AUXDATA II Training

DETAILS:

- 1. Member Engagement: At our August 26th Division Meeting we had a very productive brainstorming session discussing ideas for alternative virtual activities that may help maintain member engagement as the Auxiliary stand-down lengthens. From that discussion our new SO-PA/BP, Tiffany Townsend and Division Leadership developed a survey that has been sent out to all Division members. The survey requests input on current member activities, participation in on-line training, and interest in a variety of potential new virtual activities.
- 2. Dues Reductions: All our Flotillas have discussed various dues waiver options with their membership, and each has voted to waive some portion of their dues for 2021. Division has followed suite by voting to waive dues for any member whose dues have been waived by their respective Flotilla. We greatly appreciate our Flotilla Leadership taking on this topic and showing both a sensitivity to those facing financial challenges as well as demonstrating solidarity with our entire membership.
- **3.** Election Cycle: All Units are engaged in the upcoming annual election cycle. Division has appointed an Election Administrator and the updated SOP has been distributed to our Unit Leadership.
- 4. Phase I Rollout Update: CDR Keenan's list of errors and omissions to avoid when submitting a request for orders have been conveyed to our FSO-MT & OPs officers to circulate to their members.
- 5. On-Line EDU: Members continue to take advantage of the various on-line training opportunities being offered by District. Currently, we are reminding our Operational Members of the September 30th deadline to complete the Annual TCT/RM Refresher and 1 Hr. Annual Operations Workshop and appreciate the DSO-MT adding several training dates in September.

- 6. Uniform Wear: Division leadership continues to focus on uniform compliance. At this writing, each of our Flotilla's has presented the full Uniform Protocol Power Point with excellent participation and member discussion.
- 7. Wellness Checks: Wellness checks continue throughout the Division and to our knowledge no cases of COVID-19 have been reported.
- **8. OPTREX:** The Division 1 & 12 OPTREX has been cancelled and discussions to reschedule will be postponed until Operational Activities have resumed.
- **9. AUXDATA II Training:** Member training on the new AUXDATA II system continues. Many thanks to our SO-IS Robert Aston (01-04) for the long hours he is putting in, to assure our Unit IS Officers and Members can navigate the new system. Our SO-CS Kevin Luke (01-04) has just updated his original Activity Log video to incorporate the recent system changes and has also developed two additional videos to cover the logging of TCO HRs and utilizing the Cloning function. These videos have been distributed to all Division members and shared with our other D11N DCDRs.

PROJECTS:

- 1. Developing alternative means of member engagement during the Stand-Down.
- 2. Member Training: Continue to encourage our members to monitor Core Course expirations.
- 3. Joint OPTREX Planning with Division 12.
- 4. 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.

END OF REPORT