



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



December, 2020

**To: Dean McFarren**

**Cc: Virginia Luchetti**

**Cc: District Board and Staff**

**From: Larry Stanton DSO-CM**

**HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":**

1. Assisting in preparing content for CDR Graham's Aux Comm Service Catalog (available resources).
2. Continued participation on HF and VHF nets.
3. Making contact with members interested in participating in HF programs.
4. Plans underway to start Digital (RTX) VHF net in the near future. This program will improve our emergency communication skills sending messages with fewer errors.
5. A communications program overview will be conducted during the PCA Fair.
6. ADSO- list was submitted to the Commodore for review and approval.
7. Received approval to purchase HF radio equipment to improve capabilities for the trailer and ACV. A small list remains to be purchased. Most materials have arrived.
8. Kevin Lukes has agreed to become a Net Control Operator with the Monday evening VHF Net. Thank you Kevin!
9. VTS extended use of Diablo repeater (see challenges below).
10. We will be working with member Raymond Montagne to program the ICOM HF radios, as he has the code plug.
11. Note: Member Carol Paz responded 12-3-20 to the 3 fatality shore side drowning this week (AWO response).

**Division Reports:**

1. **Division 1:** Terry Blanchard will be joining the VHF net. No additional reports.
2. **Division 3:**
  - a. 3-1 No report filed.
  - b. 3-3 No report filed.
  - c. 3-5 Steve Harrison has submitted his report with a spread sheet of Station Rio Vista SAR cases and boarding's .
  - d. 3-10 Continue to participate in VHF and HF Nets.
3. **Division 5:**
  - 01- No report filed.
  - 02- No report filed.
  - 03- No report filed.

- 04- No report filed.  
07- No report filed.
4. **Division 6:**  
No report filed.
  5. **Division 7:**  
Aux members participate in Amateur Radio nets, UHF and VHF. Como Williams is working on re-establishing HF comms.
  6. **Division 8:**  
No report filed
  7. **Division 10:**  
No activity reported. Plan to attend PCA Fair.
  8. **Division 11:**  
Plans underway to start up VHF net with incoming SO-CM Thee.
  9. **Division 12:**  
SO-CM Torio is now a member of the Aux Watch Officer Program. No additional reports.

#### ADSO reports:

ADSO-Todebush- Leave

ADSO-Firehock-Standing watch with AWO program, added two new members to AWO program. AWO update emailed to all participants.

ADSO-Vanderhyde- Continuing in HF net programs. Assisting with completing installation of HF gear in trailer.

ADSO-Williams- Planning to get back into HF program soon.

ADSO-Simmons, nothing to report.

#### **PROJECTS:**

1. Contingency Comms- Each Division to hold training exercise when possible.
2. Finish installation of HF gear on ACV and trailer when permitted. Must have digital capabilities as well. Update decals on ACV.
3. Assist with ACV and trailer inventory when permitted.
4. Continued participation by members in VHF net, Monday evening's 2000 local in channel 83 or repeaters.
5. Continued participation by members in HF nets, Saturday 0800 hrs and Tuesday eves at 1900 hrs.

#### **CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:**

1. VTS has requested use of the Diablo repeater for the next 8 weeks (perhaps longer). This will create a significant gap in our bay area communications coverage, highlighting the impact of the loss of the Mt. Umunhum site. We are now using "simplex" relay to stations capable of reaching the Mt. Vaca repeater. This does create a training opportunity to effectively relay traffic .

#### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

1. Priority: Get Mt. Tam or other repeater site operational for south bay coverage.

#### **PHOTO GALLERY:**

**No photo**

