



U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

District Eleven North Region DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

February 28, 2023

To: Commodore Curtis Han

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Cc: District Board and Staff, ADSO-SO CM

From: Larry Stanton DSO-CM

- Goals:**
1. Provide excellent contingency communications in support of Coast Guard District 11, Sectors and Stations through continuous training and education.
 2. Recruit members who will actively participate in our exciting communications programs.
 3. Train with our communications partners.
 4. Increase Division level communications programs.

Highlights Up:

1. Diablo repeater is scheduled to be installed mid March (weather dependant).
2. More members are participating in our Monday evening VHF net through the internet (VOIP)
3. Planned D-Train course will be D11 Communications opportunities overview.
4. Plans moving forward to schedule quarterly training exercises for 11N and 11S. We are working closely together to better service CG District 11. A table top exercise is in planning stages to incorporate in a small scale, AUX Surface OPS and EM as well as active duty stations. The exercise will build on training held over the past few years.

Highlights/ DOWN:

1. Mt Diablo repeater is still down.

ADSO Reports:

1. D-DSO-CM Paz: See Div 1 report.
 2. ADSO-ARMS:Firehock: AWO program functioning well. No additional activity.
 3. ADSO-ACV-BUSCH: No recent activity. Plans to check on vehicle in near future.
- ADSO-CM Spectrum- Simmons: I continue to work on the upcoming Armed Forces Day cross band test. I need to renew one of the club amateur call signs with the FCC. Desmond and I are also working with a Chief Petty Officer at TRACEN Petaluma to get more surplus equipment from them.
4. ADSO-CM CC- Scholz:

There are several occurrences to report this month.

1. Following some discussions, the title of this ADSO-CM slot has been changed to ADSO-CM-I&CC which translates as "Incident and Contingency

Communications" to reflect the fact that the responsibility of the position is not just for contingency comms for the D11 Command Center but also as center of excellence for training and practice of the specialized comms tools and techniques that are used in an ICS environment.

2. In late January, a meeting of a planning team for comms issues in both D11N and D11 South was held and very recently a summary of the results of that meeting was released. As a consequence, it was agreed that there would be focus in several areas during 2023. They are: Carry out a series of three exercises of the D11CCNET; Arrange for the consistent use of the ACV as a training venue for HF operators on CG Island; Develop a better working relationship with the ASC's and AUC's for CG units to enhance the role of AUX communications; Carry out an ICS based table top exercise involving AD nits in all of CGD11 and involve the senior elected leadership from AUX both North and South; implement a formal training program for HF operators using the Westnet sessions.

3. A new description and organization of the "incident/contingency" portion of the Telecommunications pages of the D11N AUX website has been created and the text and some materials have been submitted to the DSO-CS for implementation. This part of the D11N website will become the location where training, policy, procedures, and TTP docs for D11N and D11S joint activities will be published.

5. 4. As of the middle of February, I was re-appointed as the Manager of the West Coast Region HF Net which is responsible for contingency comms operations in Districts 11, 13, 14, 17, and the Coastal Region of District 8.

5. ADSO-CM Utah-Williams: ADSO-CM-D7CC

February 27, 2023

Communications Trailer

The trailer has remains in a secure location with the Division Commander William Ross. We eagerly await the return to more moderate weather—Spring to commence using this facility, for training as well as to support authorized missions.

Division 7 continues to host a weekly Amateur Band Radio Net. Currently 11 members participate in the weekly rostered net.

There are two members who are active in the Ventrilo Monday evening net. Three other members as time becomes available in participating in the Monday Ventrilo net.

One additional member has HF capability and will be contacting our appropriate District Staff to expedite the configuration of his equipment to participate. Members HF radio has been accepted and call sign issued. Work schedule is a constraint at this time.

We look forward to working with current TCO qualified members to acquire facility status for appropriate UHF/VHF equipment.

V/R

Michael L. Williams
ADSO-CM-D7CC

7. ADSO-CM AA-Farmer: NO report filed.
8. ADSO-CM CC/RDF-Thorsson: No report filed.
9. ADSO-CM-TK-Sellstrom: No report filed.
10. ADSO-AUX MON- Flores- No report filed.
11. ADSO-CM-ALE-Montagne- No report filed.

SO REPORTS BY DIVISION:

Division 1- DDSO-CM PAZ-

Flotilla 12: No Report received.

Flotilla 14: Report on file.

- Both land mobiles continue participating in the Monday Night Radio Net
- 2 members continue during the AWO for Sector communications

Flotilla 17: No Report received.

Flotilla 19: Report on file.

1. Continue to check in on the Monday radio net at 1900 hours, channel 83A. Check in is relayed by Redwood City Mobile 1.
2. No callouts
3. Have not tried to restart the paperwork for my facility.
4. Attended Radio Comms and the Aux Comms a Force Multiplier, classes at the PCA fair in January.

Projects:

Goals and Objectives:

Flotilla 14: Goal to add one more Radio Communicator

Flotilla 19: Goal to add one more Radio Communicator

Division 3- SO-Stanton:

3-1: Foster: No report filed.

3-3: No FSO-CM

3-5: FSO-CM Harrison-

District 11NR Auxiliary Unit Coordinator for Coast Guard Station Rio Vista

Report for February 2023

Highlights

* **BMC Bennett** said one of the Station's objectives for 2023 is to get AUX more involved onsite. Just stopping by for a chat or tour is enough to begin. He wants the CG crew to interact with AUX and share experiences or just talk. **It's difficult for the CG Crew to feel the AUX supports them if they never see us.** Call me. I'll make it happen.

* **Division 5** held a **Boating Safety Course** at the Station on the 4th. **Kit Galvin, VCO; Lew Derfuss; Morgan Curtis; John Hardin and Don Anderson** instructed 21 attendees in a very informative and humorous manner. I even made a pitch for AUX membership. The Division provided pizza for everyone including the CG Duty Crew. Thanks guys.

* Met for breakfast at the Stripper Café in Rio Vista On the 14th with **BMC Bennett, BM1 Swofford, BM2 Cooper, Doug MacPerson, Don Anderson, John Hardin and Russ Kaiser** to start planning for the **2023 Delta Boating Season Kickoff and SAREX**. It was agreed that Divisions 3, 5 and 10 will be invited. The event will be in two parts. Part One on Saturday April 1st will involve a morning briefing, lunch and afternoon of boating with the CG. Part Two will be Tuesday July 18th and involve navigation and SAR training along with the CG. Should be great fun. More later.

Activity Details

* CG Station Rio Vista conducted only **01 SAR case** during the last 30 days. The average February SARs over the last 10 years is 06. The most SARs conducted by the Station in one day was 13 on a Sunday in July 2009. The Station conducted **15 Vessel Boardings**. The average February boardings for the last 10 years is 25. The most boardings conducted in one month by the Station was 149 in September 2015. Low activity mostly due to weather and very poor fishing.

* **Morgan Curtis VFC 5-3** stood 12 hours of **Radio Watchstanding (20B)** over 03 days.

* I stood only 09 days of **Radio Watchstanding (20B)** at the Station for a total of 61 hours. Low activity due to spouse medical issues.

Agency Interactions

*The Station's monthly **DOIT (Delta Officers Intelligence Team)** meeting has been changed to quarterly. Station leadership met on the 8th to develop a plan of action. It starts with **BM1 Swofford and ME2 Temple –Wilson** visiting each participant to establish an agenda centered DOIT meetings based on events not just a monthly meeting. More later.

Current Projects:

* Working with **Doug MacPherson, BM1 Swofford, BM2 K Hansen, Don Anderson, John Hardin and Russ Kaiser** on another **Boating Season Kickoff for 2023**. Scheduled for April 1st at the Station. Looking to include another **SAREX** with it on July 18th.

* Working with **BMC Bennett, OIC, and BM1 Swofford, OPS**, to have a CG Crewmember attend AUX Flotilla meetings in our AOR whenever schedules permit.

* Recruiting **Auxiliary Radio Watchstanders** for Rio Vista Station to supplement Morgan and I. Come on. It's not that hard if I can do it. The CG Crew will love you for it

Challenges:

* To obtain more active **AUX facilities in the Station's Stockton area** of responsibility.

* To get AUX members certified as **Radio Watchstanders** at Station Rio Vista.

* To maintain the same high standard of Radio Watchstanding that I've provided over the last 15 years.

My Goal and Objective

* To remember that people only react to feelings not thoughts.

3-10-Sellstrom: No report filed.

Division 4- SO-CM Cooley: No report filed.

Division 5- SO-CM Gleason: No report filed.

Division - SO-CM Huynh: No report filed.

Division 7-SO-CM Farmer: No report filed.

Division 8- Felton: No report filed.

Division 10- Brady: No report filed.

Division 11: Leinan:

HIGHLIGHTS

Snow, snow, snow... if you want snow, Station Lake Tahoe has it. BMC Fairchild asked if we knew any roofing companies to remove snow. Dan Powers from 11-01 contacted companies he works with to see if they could assist.

- a. The station canceled participation in the Snowfest Parade due to inclement weather, and Garwoods canceled the Polar Bear Plunge due to the inclement weather as well.

Future Activities

We are planning for events as requested by STALT Leadership, including Change of Command.

Challenges

Snow burying Station Lake Tahoe, 11-01, cannot hold meetings there due to the snow around the parking lot and the station itself.

OIC Transition during the busy season.

Goals and Objectives

Be an assistant to the station crew while not getting buried by snow (did we say the station has snow?)

Division 12: SO-CM Torio: Nothing to report.