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TO: Board & Staff
FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV
SUBJECT: AuxAir Report for April 2024.

With improved weather and an increase in boating activity, auxair is providing more flights in support of the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and our allied agencies. We are currently flying five to seven patrols each week.

One of our major activities in April was our participation with the USCG Reserve with their annual Incident Command Training Exercise. This is the second year in a row that auxair has been asked to work with the Reserves, and Adam Kovalevsky and Jimmin Chang flew the missions in support of the Reserves. During this training scenario a new tool was introduced, which is "MAGE", a cell phone app which can be used to track an incident and report impact in real time. Adam was Pilot In Command (PIC) and Jimmin was Observer, who took photos and used MAGE to immediately share those photos with the Incident Command Team. The Command Team also used the MAGE tool to track the route of flight of our aircraft. Both our auxair mission and the entire training exercise were considered successful

We were also contacted by Sector to prepare for a communications flight as one of the Rescue 21 radio sites was expected to be down for maintenance. Pete Hnat and his crew were given this task, which was later cancelled as the 21 site work had been completed. Auxair provides this service when these radio sites are down for maintenance, which involves one of our aircraft orbiting in the vicinity of the radio site and providing emergency communications and relaying messages among vessels and Coast Guard bases and facilities.

In another case, Hal Seibert was asked by Air Station San Francisco (ASSF) to be on standby to transport RADM Sugimoto from Sector San Francisco to FOB Pt. Mugu. The Admiral is expected to fly in one of the Coast Guard C-27's, but these aircraft have had problems and Hal was asked to be available in case the C-27 could not make the trip.

Also, Sector Humbolt has been in contact with Pete Hnat and has requested auxair assistance in patrolling our Alpha Zone, which covers the coast south of Humbolt/Eureka area up to the Oregon Border. We discontinued these patrols when Covid struck and we have not resumed them to date. Depending upon need and authorization, we may begin flying Alpha missions again later in the month of May.

Finally, Hal Seibert is preparing our annual Aviation Safety Workshop and Egress Training, to be presented with Air Station involvement on 15 May 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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