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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
District 11 Northern Region**  
*Serving Northern California, Nevada, Utah*



District 11NR Board & Staff Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday 17 February 2016 1900 PST  
Webinar

**Call to Order:** 1902 hours by DCO Rich Thomas

**Roll Call:** By Georgie Scheuerman. Present were: CDR Curtis Sumrok; CWO2 Matt James; COMO Rich Thomas DCO; Wally Smith DCOS; COMO Rod Collins IPDCO, DNACO PACAREA; Carl Pierce, DCAPT; Sean Sheehan, DCAPT; Mike Thompson, DCAPT; Diana Serchia, DCDR; Jane Smith, DCDR; Dean McFarren, DCDR; Carrie Vandebloom, DCDR; Ann Zocchi, DCDR; Jerry Gilmore, DCDR; Stu Langs, DCDR;

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Como Thomas asked for Divisions to report their 2016 goals.

Attendance is reported in Addendum A.

**District Board & Staff Reports:**

**DCDR 1** Diana Serchia – Report on file: 1<sup>st</sup> Division meeting was in Jan. Formed committees and passed budget.

**DCDR 3** Dean McFarren– Report on file: Conducted PA event for Finest Hours which was a success. Had meeting at Station Rio Vista. Interactions with sector will be through Rio Vista.

**DCDR 4** Dave Naumann – Report on file. Dave not present. Bill Tsai reported that they did the Mavericks event last Saturday. It was a large group. 7 VEs there.

**DCDR 5** Will Sumner– Report on file: Not present.

**DCDR 6** Jane Smith– Report on file: Report for Jan. No marine patrols due to harbor closed. Conducted practices with docking. Valentines Day Party coming. Finishing up Mandatory classes. 2700 hours for RBS goal with other goals also set.

**DCDR 7** Ann Zocchi – Report on File: Completed Boat Show. Had all 4 flotillas represented. Water frozen so no patrols.

**DCDR 8** Skip Conley– Report on file: Skip not present. Carl Pierce reported working with CWO Thomas Moore. There was a Congressman visiting Crescent City. He supports the auxiliary.

**DCDR 10** Carrie Vandebloom – Report on file: Will send in goals. All flotillas have very good plans for NSBW. COMO Thomas noted that he attended the Division COW and said it was a great event.

**DCDR 11** Jerry Gilmore – Report will be late: Patrols on hold because of weather.

**DCDR 12** Stu Langs – Report on file. Nothing to add.

**PPCA:** Judy Esteban – Report on file: Not present.

**IPDCO:** Rod Collins: Glad to hear there are goals for 2016. Please try to stretch goals. Please continue moving forward on Mandatory Training. Need training to hold an office. Self attestation available. Encouaged members to look at Auxiliary Association webpage. Various things available with discounts. Good N-Train this year.

**DIRAUX:** CDR Curtis Sumrok: Noted that there was a lot of discussion at N-Train on AP Status. We have a probationary period before waiver. Working on a way to get ID cards for AP Status using an initial background check, etc. AP Status can do most everything. Asked that we make sure we communicate this.

**OTO:** CWO2 Matthew James: Report on File: Noted that Station Rio Vista is OIA for Sacramento Delta areas only. Still seeing walk-in traffic at DIRAUX for issues that could be handled at a lower level. For example communications such as Mandatory Training which could be handled locally at Divisions and Flotillas. Asked DCDRs to work with FCs to handle things locally.

**DCO Report to Board:** COMO Rich Thomas: Report:

- N-Train Info:
  - Mandated Training – District 11NR at 19%. This will limit people if it's not completed. Asked DCDRs to communicate this
  - AUX Music now approved nationally. Noted that D11SR COW had AUX Music.
  - National Board – Cleared up details on Membership Ribbons, DSO-FS working to get established.
  - Memo from NACO on alternative uniforms – an optional uniform which won't replace current uniforms.
  - Rolling out safe boating on-line classes
  - Call for recruiting needs – Active duty looking for some help. If anyone interested send e-mail to COMO or DCOS.
  - Talked to legal department – raffles totally illegal in Cal.
  - 2015 lowest fatality rate in years.
  - Gap analysis – working with CG COs to identify gaps auxiliary can fill
  - Everbridge – did not go over well initially. Working to make it a better system, easier to use.
- Safe Boating Week coming
- Jerry Gilgren handling CG Mutual Assistance drive
- April 2 & 3 AUXFS class in Eureka. Can handle about 8 people.
- District had 188,000 hours last year. Looking for 200,00 hours this year
- D-Train going well with 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> block of rooms sold out. CDCRs got e-mail on silent auction.

**Wally Smith: DSO Reports**

Wally reported N-Train was great:

- BQ study course – 7 modules coming on line – pilot program.
- 80% of boating public don't know the auxiliary exists.
- ACV should be out this year.
- DNACO meeting – Stickers available. Good for paddle craft
- VE website in 7 different languages. And adding more.
- New PE materials – Modern Marine Navigation, Basic Boat Handling – available for public – code put in identifying Flotilla will send \$5 to the Flot. Suggested that flotillas get an e-mail for the flotilla to accept questions rather than using an individual's e-mail.
- Weekend Navigator – will be used for some time.
- New BS&S and SS&S books coming up
- Other on-line courses coming
- National pushing Diversity – looking in on DV events.
- IT – Small world labs – June roll out – Aux main page recognizes member and gives info specific for the member. Members can enter their own Auxdata then IS officer clicks OK button. IT support desk (help desk) -trying to answer requests in hours but members can get most answers locally and on line easily.
- IM – 16 hours of training – Bruce was there..
- Request each District to ID 2 members for Advanced Paddle Craft training. Send suggestions to DCOS & COMO.
- Asked leaders to be looking for successors. Starts at Flotilla levels. Service leadership is different than company leadership.
- If negativity is allowed to continue it will grow. Try to handle and reduce.

**DCAPT Prevention** Sean Sheehan DCAPT– Report on file:

Sue Fry DSO-MS – Rpt On file. Not present. Mike Mitchell noted 2 members were at Mavericks. Did VEs and UPV exams. Good job by all there.

Jim Duncan DSO-NS - Report on File: All divisions have PATON & bridge sheets out and can start. Calculated 2015 Awards in Nav system. 8 members are not receiving awards because data was not entered.

Jerry Edelen DSO-PA - Report on File: This weekend PA class at CGI at 8:00 each day. 18 enrolled but room for more. Contact Jerry to enroll.

Jim Losi DSO-PE – Report on File: 2016 goals make up for short fall this past year, 20% shortfall. Hoping better conditions will increase interest in boating and classes. Working with Cal Boating & Waterways – getting the department to guide people to aux classes. Aspen CO teaching an ABS class this weekend.

Gary Murray DSO-PV - Report on file: Not present.

Mike Lauro DSO-VE - Report on file: No report. Slow time of year for VEs. Glad to hear about Maverick VEs.

Requests from members for decals were sent back to FCs. FCs should get decals to FSO-VE. Additional requests go to SO-VE first.

Sean added – CG sponsoring an Art contest for children. Any interest – please contact Sean.

#### **DCAPT Response** Carl Pierce DCAPT – :

Larry Olson DSO-AV – Report on File: Not present. Carl Pierce noted continuing to support CG by flying search patterns along the shore.

Bob Vanderhyde DSO-CM - Report on File: 2 items added: planned R21 outage tomorrow aux will assist Goldside. CM area holding Webinar March 22<sup>nd</sup> for CMs.

Bill Stolz DSO-OPS - Report not on file: Will have Dec and Jan info in report. 13 OPTREX & OPEXs scheduled. Summary in report. Consult District calendar for info. Need Mandatory Training done for qual & requal 30 days before event.

Bruce Martin DSO-IM – Report on file. N-Train – need update on gap analysis. DCDRs will get communication from Bruce. Looking for how Flotillas are supporting local CG units. If divisions or flotillas have had communications with local CG and hear about needs, please pass along to Bruce. Will be asking for more info on how to fill gaps we know about or how we have filled gaps. Everbridge – trying to roll out. Will be better training with good support from National. Will need some help. Need some ADSOs for Everbridge and contingency planning. At D-Train doing ICS with real world scenarios. Not a class but kind of workshop.

#### **DCAPT Support & Planning** Mike Thompson DCAPT – Report on file:

Irene Wetzel DSO-CS – Report on File: Reported advising people about e-mail. Each officer at district has forwarding e-mail that sends to you. Migration to WOW. Aux member can get info on staff with contact info. Team of migrators helping with migration to WOW. Need help being sure things are up to date. Morris Farmer is e-postmaster, can update officer lists.

Tim Kahn DSO-DV – Report on File: Looking forward to seeing people at D-train.

Gary Kaplan DSO-HR – Report on File:

Anita Farnholtz DSO-IS - Report on File: At PCA Robert Aston taught the IS workshop. Asked all IS officers at District level for stats for awards. DSOs should look for potential awards.

George Rogers DSO-MA - Report on File: Working hard on store – good fire sale at PCA. Store will be at D-Train.

Mary Kirkwood DSO-MT – Rpt on file: Mandatory Training deadline coming. NACO 3 star awards for 95% completion must go to Mary by June 15<sup>th</sup>. D-Train – new flier to go out. People do not need to sign up for classes, except leadership. AUXLAMs – 5 day class coming – Only 13 people signed up with reimbursable orders. Still have room for 8 more. Need form into DIRAUX and let Mary know. 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May -AUXLAMs.

Cecil Claspell DSO-PB – Report on File: No additions.

Gary Murray DSO-HR – Have some incoming candidates. Asking for Flotillas to respond to inquiries. Want more reports.

Mike Maddox gave a shout out on VE pens from Mike Lauro.

**ASC- SF COMO** Vic Connell: Report on file. Have new sector coordinator, Ensign Hanson. Looking for Robert Fifer submission - end of month deadline. Deputy Commander from Sector looking for ideas from aux for support to Goldside. Looking at putting together work groups to look at some ideas and looking at gap analysis.

Georgie Scheuerman DSO-SR – Minutes in.

Fran Fisher DSO-FN – Report on File: Not present.

Joanna Leighton-Nevesny DSO-LP: Report on File. Not present.

Neal Nevesny\_Civil Rights –Report on file. Not present.

**ASC- Humboldt:** Carl Pierce: Report on file. At N-Train- need to promote and sell auxiliary to Goldside. CG has been pushing themselves to sell to the AUX. Thanked Rich Thomas for teaching FS at Eureka.

**DCOS Wally Smith** – Also added that Admiral Zukunft noted push down from Goldside to do outreach to auxiliary.

#### **OLD BUS:**

- D-Train: 297 rooms reserved. Please continue pushing D-train.
- Wally reported on D-train: Training for D-train spectacular. All Mandated Courses available. Ops & TCT workshops. Friday Night – Good music, Chili Cook Off, and AUX Got Talent. Looking for entries for chili and talent. Judges will be audience.

OTO on D-Train: Those looking for \$ for D-train must submit requests by next Wednesday. Board & Staff not coming should let OTO know – This can help for obligated funds. Mileage reimbursement also available. Procedure same as last year. Groups can apply for this. Board & Staff encouraged to car pool. By end of February would be helpful to know who needs this. Tina Perry and Tony Robinson will be there at D-train. Could submit travel expenses right after D-train to Tony.

**COMO-ACV Update** – COMO thanked all who participated on committee. Especially Carrie & Wally. Carrie chairperson of program and qualified driver & trainer. Now about ready to get people qualified as drivers.

Wally on ACV – Just about ready to roll out. Carrie POC for training.

Mary noted D-Train will have ACV courses.

CDR Sumrok – Team put together a great PQS. Now need operators so it can be used for 2016 events. People need to get the training.

Shout out for Robert Vanderhyde – getting info on needs for equipment for communications.

District Store – Wally noted fire sale was a great success. Now providing local items. Will be at D-train. Good job done by George & his team.

#### **New Business:**

- Awards – asking districts to ID people for awards. Asking Divisions and Flotillas to submit for awards. Curtis Han taking the Award position. Send nominations to Curtis.
- New year of National Awards. COMO will send out info on deadlines for submitting forms for awards.
- NSBW – Coming – Start getting organized.

#### **For the Good of the Auxiliary:**

- Bruce – 2 Coasties from Petaluma were killed in auto accidents

**Adjourn:** With no further comment or discussion, DCO Thomas adjourned the meeting at 20:38.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Respectfully Submitted by: Georgie Scheuerman, DSO-SR

**ADDENDUM A: District Board, Staff Officers and Guests Present**

DIRAUX: OTO CWO2 Matt James  
COMO Rich Thomas DCO  
COMO Rod Collins IPDCO (on line)  
Chief of Staff Wally Smith  
DCAPT Prevention: Sean Sheehan  
DCAPT Response: Carl Pierce  
DCAPT Support & Planning: Mike Thompson  
DCDR 1 – Diana Serchia:            DCDR 3 – Dean McFarren  
DCDR 4 –                                DCDR 5 –  
DCDR 6 – Jane Smith;            DCDR 7 – Ann Zocchi  
DCDR 8 –                                DCDR 10 – Carrie Vandeboom  
DCDR 11 – Jerry Gilmore;        DCDR 12 – Stu Langs  
PCA -

DSO's in attendance:

DSO-AV –  
DSO-CM – Robert Vanderhyde  
DSO-CS – Irene Wetzel  
DSO-DV – Tim Kahn  
DSO-FN –  
DSO-HR – Gary Kaplan  
DSO-IM - Bruce Martin  
DSO-IS – Anita Farnholtz  
DSO-LP –  
DSO-MA- George Rogers  
DSO-MS –  
DSO-MT – Mary Kirkwood  
DSO-NS – Jim Duncan  
DSO-OP – Bill Stolz  
DSO-PA – Jerry Edelen  
DSO-PB – Cecil Claspell  
DSO-PE – Jim Losi  
DSO-PV – Gary Murray  
DSO-SR – Georgie Scheuerman  
DSO-VE - Mike Lauro  
ASC – COMO Vic Connell  
CRC -  
DFSO –  
CRC  
ASC SF COMO Vic Connell  
ASC H Carl Pierce

Guests: Craig Johnson, William Tsai, Stephen Nilson, Margaret Herbelin, Roberto Morfin, Michael Mitchell, Jan Jewell, Greg Oshel, Paul Custance, Doug Manifold, Ariel Schooner Mike Maddox