

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



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HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":

- 1. Working to complete authorization to use HF on ACV and trailer. I discovered that the Offer for Use documents had not been completed with HF gear and or forwarded to National for authorization process. Should be a fast resolution.
- 2. Bruce Thee has been appointed as West Coast Region Net Manager. Congratulations Bruce.
- 3. Planning continues with CDR. Graham on the Aux Service Catalog to be used by CG with respect to communications capabilities. The telephone conference set for 2-18-21 has been moved to March. Date and time to be set.
- 4. VTS has discontinued use of Mt Diablo repeater.
- 5. Initial draft of D11CCNET has been distributed for review. Training will begin in March. Copy is
- 6. Cal OES NET will be designated link from USCG and USCG-AUX to Cal-OES. The interoperability term is CAL-LINK. Members have volunteered to check into the various nets and create a "USCG-Aux" presence
- 7. Work progressing on getting AUX members trained to respond to errant transmissions. I want to hold a workshop on this topic when we can meet in person. It will require use of radios and field tracking.
 - Pending workshop with CDR Graham set for 3-5-21 to update progress on the Service Manual (cancelled).
- 8. Requested Commodore McFarren resubmit 7004 for ACV and Trailer to reflect HF radio's on board. Documents must then be passed to National for approval.
- 9. Eight members responded to a request for interested members to "possibly" receive training from Coast Guard to inspect facility HF radios. The intent would be for local members to respond upon request and perform routine testing of radios. This is a component of the "Service Catalog" under development.

Division reports:

Division 1- SO-Paz is working with members on possible participation in regional OES drill. A simulated disaster in San Francisco Bay Area. New TCO operator in Division 1. ACV inventoried.

Division 3- 3-10 VTS returned Diablo to Aux. Inventory and testing of comms gear in trailer, Air Station Sacramento. New trailer plate arrived. VHF net will be moved to 1900 hrs starting March 15. An RTX (digital) mode will follow at 1930.

Division 11- Nothing to report. Goal of recruiting more TCO in Division and more HF operators to participate in the West Coast Region Net.

ADSO Reports:

- ADSO-CC Scholz: Becoming familiar with 11N. Plans for small scale radio training in support of the D11CCNET. Working on TTP document to solidify creation, evaluation and training of HF and VHF radio facilities in support of D11CCNET and Cal Office of Emergency Services Contingency Net. Working on marketing document to explain the purpose of and function of D11 North and West Coast Region Net for Elected Leadership of D11N. Continue to check in to Region Net, Cal-OES Net and southern VHF nets.
- 2. ADSO-ARMS-Firehock: ARMS program functioning well. Goal ensure all who think they are a responder is actually up to date with currency maintenance and capable or response.

DETAILS:

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PROJECTS:

- 1. Promote more TCO program with Divisions.
- 2. Amateur Radio Field Day (fellowship) event under discussion with amateur radio club members (if COVID allows).

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1. Meet all SO-Cm members.
- 2. Increase TCO operators.
- 3. Get CGI ham shack operational as Facility at the request of D-11 (it).

PHOTO GALLERY:

None this month