

FLOTILLA TRAINING TOPICS & SOURCES

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As a member of the USCGAUX we depend on each other for resources during our missions in support of the USCG. A key factor in this dependency is knowing that each member is properly trained to maintain the high level of readiness required of our profession. As a flotilla member we all attend meetings to receive timely information and updates of USCGAUX policies and operational activities. One of the main reasons to come to a flotilla meeting should be the 30 to 60 minutes of training offered at that meeting. Every flotilla meeting should have at least 30 minutes of training which is the minimum to define a meeting as a "training" meeting. Training meetings are covered by USCG insurance during the meeting. Other meetings, unless under orders, are not covered by insurance. Therefore, there are several reasons to have training at each flotilla meeting: insurance coverage, interest to members, better trained and informed membership.

ANNUAL MANDATORY WORKSHOPS:

Early in the year the training sessions should focus on Annual Mandatory Workshops. While most of these workshops are only mandatory for members holding certifications, e.g. Vessel Examiners, Boat Crew, Instructors, Program Visitors, the suggestion is to offer the training to all members as a way of introducing the members to different ways they can contribute to the Coast Guard.

Here are the MT workshops to be covered:

- Public Education/ Instructor (PE) Workshop
- Program Visitor (PV) Workshop
- Vessel Examiner (VE) Workshop

Links to these workshops can be found here: http://d11s.org/modules/job_aid_kit.mod.php?office=DSO-MT . Once here, select "Instructors Job Aid Kit" and look under "Instructors Materials" for the power point presentations.

Here are the Operations workshops to be covered:

- Operations Workshop
- TCT refresher

Links to these workshops can be found here: <http://www.cgaux.org/response/Archives/workshoparchives.htm>. Look for the most recent archives for power point presentations and facilitator guides.

MANDATORY TRAINING (Once or every 5 years)

Required to be performed by all Auxiliarists during their first year of enrollment and then once every five years thereafter:

- (1) Suicide Prevention.
- (2) Security Education & Training Awareness.
- (3) Privacy Awareness.
- (4) Prevention of Sexual Harassment.
- (5) Sexual Assault Prevention.
- (6) Civil Rights Awareness (titled changed from Human Relations Awareness).

Required to be performed only once by all Auxiliarists (new members during their first year of enrollment):

- (1) Ethics Training
- (2) Influenza Training.

These internet only courses must be taken individually on the Auxiliary Learning Management System (LMS). The requirement starts once the courses are available on the LMS (expected early 2012). The link for updates on these courses is found here: http://d11s.org/modules/job_aid_kit.mod.php?office=MJA-TRAINING and then look under “mandated training”.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING IDEAS FOR FLOTILLA MEETINGS

Once the required workshops are completed the FSO-MT/FC should be looking for interesting presentations that inform the members on general topics of interest to the Coast Guard and to Auxiliary activities. The following topics are taken from presentations that have actually been used for flotilla meeting training. Some are specific to certain areas of the country but most are applicable to all areas. The idea is to contact the agency listed (assuming there is a local office) and request a speaker for your meeting. Most agencies are more than willing to comply. You can use internet search to find the phone number of the agency (I don't recommend using email – may not get a reply from the agency).

- BOMB SQUAD – explosives awareness
 - Contact: Local Police Dept (city) or Sherriffs Office (county & unincorporated areas)
 - No law enforcement aspects. This is all about being vigilant when out and about in case you see something you suspect might be explosive.
- RED CROSS – DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
 - Contact: Go to <http://www.redcross.org/> and enter your zip code in the “find your local red cross” column on the right. Tell them you'd like a disaster preparedness presentation. There is a whole group of volunteers that regularly do these presentations called the CDE (community disaster education) group.
- LAKE/RIVER/HARBOR Law Enforcement, Marine Safety, Environmental awareness
 - Contact: Sherriff, harbor patrol, park rangers, Fish & Game of local waterways.
 - Subjects include: working with CGAUX, where do they need help (not law enforcement)
- NOAA – NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
 - Contact: <http://www.weather.gov/organization.php> go to this website and select your location. Then look down the left hand column near the bottom for “contact us”. This will give you the local office where you can ask for speakers.

- Topics include: micro-climates e.g. lakes, vs overall forecast. Local weather patterns (daily, seasonally), sources of information. Since one of our AUXOP required classes is AUXWEA, this is clearly a topic of interest to CGAUX
- STATE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
 - Contacts: Call the Public Affairs/Communications office. Here are two websites:
 - Arizona: <http://www.azwater.gov/AzDWR/IT/adwrcontactInformation.htm>
 - California: <http://www.water.ca.gov/newsroom/pao/publicaffairs.cfm>
 - Topics include: water conservation, pollution, management, flood control, sources, & distribution.
- VESSEL ASSIST (BOATUS)
 - Contacts: http://www.boatus.com/ServiceLocator/search.asp?P=37.23032838760387,-94.833984375&Z=4&filter_type=T From this website, enter your location and then call the local provider to see about a presentation. Likely topic, working with CGAUX.
 - Vessel Assist operates out of marinas along the coast of Southern California, along the Colorado River (Needles, Lake Havasu, Lake Mojave), and at Lake Pleasant,AZ

This list will continue to grow as the Member Training Staff send in ideas and topics they have used in their meetings. Send your ideas to the DSO-MT.