

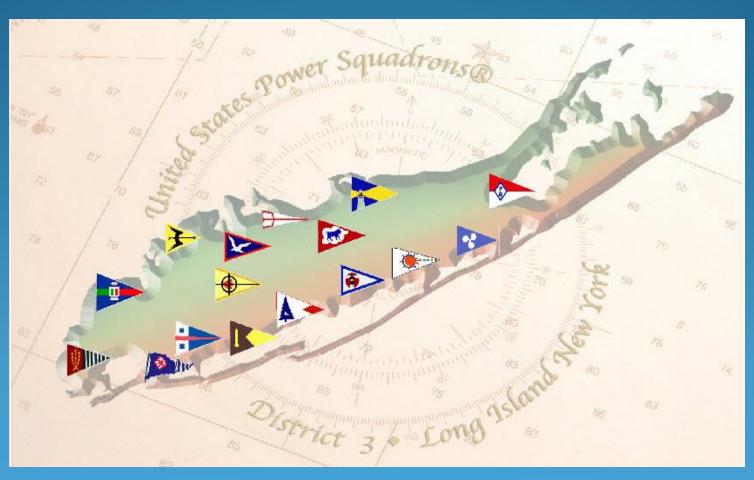
UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

District 3 & USCG Auxiliary D1SR



USPS District 3 Long Island, NY

(1,401 sq. miles)





USPS District 3 and the USCG Auxiliary District 1 SR

OPERATION ONBOARD OBSERVER



What is Operation Onboard Observer (000)?

- An Experiment!
- Alliance between USPS D/3 and USCG Auxiliary D1SR
 - Work cooperatively
 - Improve relations between our organizations



How Does OOO Work?

- USPS Members paired (zip code) with Flotillas convenient to them.
- USPS Members sail with Flotilla patrols (Flotilla vessels) as *observers* to help in completion of their missions.
- If asked to do more than observe . . .



What do USCG Auxiliary Missions Consist Of?

- Real-Life Exercises:
 - Towing (astern and side-to-side)
 - **MOB Drills**
 - Cooperative Charting
 - Search and Rescue (SAR) Drills & Missions
 - Support of USCG Mandated Missions
- Visible Presence of an "official" body
- Alertness for potentially "bad" activities



Some Key Points

- USCG Auxiliary Patrols are not haphazard undertakings
- Each Patrol is mission-oriented with specific objectives
- The USCG sets objectives and directs the Patrol's activities



More Key Points

- USCG is aware of Patrol's whereabouts throughout mission.
- Patrol maintains constant communications with the USCG.
- USCG may change mission parameters if needed.
- Patrol Log is maintained.



More Key Points

- Participating USPS Members are primarily Observers!
 - Security
 - Other RBS issues
- If we're needed to become more active



More Key Points

- As stated earlier, we're watching for potentially "bad" activities.
- Auxiliarists are not armed!
- Role is anti-terrorism NOT counter-terrorism!



Insurance Considerations

 USPS Liability Insurance covers us for official USPS Activities.



OOO Benefits

- Improve relations between our organizations.
- Enhance security on our waterways.
- Meet both USPS and USCG Auxiliary goals of greater Recreational Boating Safety (RBS).
- Better seamanship Learn from each other.
- Make new friends!



What Have We Done

- Announced OOO to all D/3 Members.
- Conducted Maritime Domain Awareness
 (MDA) Workshop with 36 USPS attendees.
- Matched MDA attendee zip codes with Flotilla locations.
- Constant communication with USCGAux.
- Several D/3 members have sailed on Patrols!



OOO Next Steps

- Experimental program!
- D/3 and USCGAux D1SR (through 2015?)
- Based on confirming proof of concept, expand the program:
 - 1 or 2 additional USPS Districts/Corresponding USCG Auxiliary District(s)
 - Eventual national rollout?



OOO Next Steps

- Examine other areas to work together:
 - Non-Patrol MDA Activities
 - Joint Boating Safety Classes?
 - MOB, SAR and other training for USPS.
- Marketing OOO throughout USPS and the USCG Auxiliary is key to success.
- Good relations with local USCG substations are critical!



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WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS?