



# 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 (OOO)?

- **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.**



# 000 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!***



# Operation Onboard Observer (OOO)

***WHAT ARE YOUR  
QUESTIONS?***