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Chairperson
Government & Partners Relations Committee**

Date: 26 March 2015

Subject: USPS/USCG Auxiliary MOU Implementation
Short Term Goals

The USPS – USCG Auxiliary MOU Implementation Team has met and has developed the following short-term goals for implementation in six months to one year period. We believe that when implemented, they will set a strong foundation for future collaborative efforts by our organizations.

The MOU Implementation Team that developed these goals consists of:

- R/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN – Government & Partner Relations Chairman and Task Force Coordinator
- Stf/C Pete TenBrink, SN – USPS Project Chair
- Nan Ellen Fuller, BC-B – USCG Auxiliary Branch Chief for USPS
- D/C Bill Arcediano, SN – D15
- P/D/C Dan Flinn, SN – D3
- P/R/C Ken Link, SN – USPS Liaison to USCG Auxiliary

The following are the goals and their current status. We believe that for greatest effect, actions should take place at the Squadron and Flotilla level under direction of the responsible areas within our respective National organizations.

- Environmental Efforts – Squadrons and Flotillas should initiate efforts to benefit the environment. These efforts should include, but not be limited to, clean-up events and public education.

USPS Environmental Committee Chairman, R/C Tom Myers is aware of this goal. Our Auxiliary Liaison will establish contact with the appropriate person within the Auxiliary so that they and R/C Myers' team can plan specific actions. Our USCG Auxiliary Liaison, Nan Ellen Fuller is sourcing the appropriate Auxiliary personnel so that R/C Myers and they can jointly plan this.

- America's Waterways Watch Presentations – Homeland security remains a priority for the Auxiliary and for the Power Squadrons. We believe that the public must be made aware of how they can participate in this effort. Joint presentations to the public by the Auxiliary and USPS as well as web-based initiatives can help the effort. Additionally, Squadrons and Flotillas can collaborate on VSE efforts by setting up joint tables at marinas, etc.



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Action has not yet been initiated on this effort. However, we have initiated communications with Safety Committee Chairman, R/C Mike Wiedel, JN and USPS Homeland Security Team Leader, P/R/C Bill Husted, SN to spearhead the effort. Once again, Nan Ellen Fuller is sourcing the corresponding Auxiliary personnel to jointly plan these efforts.

- [Joint] Guest Lecturing at Boating Classes – Both organizations have a shortage of qualified instructors. We can somewhat relieve that shortage by teaching each other's classes. This further drives home the point that we are collaborating for a safer recreational boating environment.

We have not initiated efforts on this goal yet but we understand that having Auxiliary personnel instruct ABC3 Class modules is acceptable within USPS. Further, it is acceptable to the Auxiliary as long as they have a USCG certified instructor present during the class.

- Jointly manned Boat Show Booths – Having separate booths emphasizes that we are separate organization (perhaps in competition with one another). A jointly manned booth would dispel that notion. Adjoining booths would be a reasonable substitute for a single booth.

An organized effort to make this happen must still be initiated. We are trying to determine which USPS Committee this should reside with. However, there are already instances around the country where our organizations are sharing boat show booths.

- Shared USPS/Auxiliary Contacts – The idea behind this goal originated with USCG Auxiliary Assistant National Commodore Vin Pica. If we had a database with specific personnel with similar responsibilities within USPS and the Auxiliary, it would become easier for personnel to contact each other to address issues and execute action plans.

No plans to achieve this goal have been initiated at this time.