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MARSEC

Training Guide

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**INTRODUCTION:** In an environment of heightened Coast Guard focus on homeland security, Auxiliary members are being called upon as never before to augment Coast Guard units across the spectrum of their missions. While Auxiliary support has always been important to the Coast Guard, during periods of elevated security levels (MARSEC 2 & 3), it is now indispensable. The demands of meeting these MARSEC requirements across the exceptionally large MSO St Louis AOR will require an extensive team of Active Duty, Reserve, and Auxiliary members.

**TRAINING AND QUALIFICATION OF AUXILIARY MEMBERS:** Auxiliary members are volunteers – their existing skill sets are not as easily defined and related to the Coast Guard mission as those of military members, and there are often significant logistical and administrative challenges associated with training and certifying them. Nevertheless, it is essential that those Auxiliary members who step forward to tackle the demands of augmenting Coast Guard units during MARSEC evolutions, be properly trained and certified, for their own safety, and for the proper execution of the mission. This guide sets forth skill/training requirements for the billets that are available for Auxiliary members to fill in the MSO St Louis MARSEC billet map which includes the Marine Safety Detachments in Minneapolis/St Paul, Quad Cities, and Peoria, as well as additional contingents in Omaha and Kansas City.

**BASIC TRAINING REQUIREMENT:** All members of the MSO St Louis MARSEC team are expected to complete Incident Command System (ICS) levels 100 & 200 training, and the Initial Indoctrination to Marine Safety (IIMS) course, USCG pamphlet No. Y0581. These are to be completed prior to commencing more specific training for the various billets in the plan. These courses are available on line.

**IIMS** <http://www.uscg.mil/tcyorktown/mschools/docs/iims%5Fcourse%5F30jan04.pdf>

**ICS** [http://www.cgaux.info/g\\_ocx/training/ics100.html](http://www.cgaux.info/g_ocx/training/ics100.html)

In addition, members who desire to be a part of a land, water, or air patrol team must complete the MDA Patrol Procedures Orientation, which can be obtained from the training officer at the MSO or any of the MSD's. Please coordinate these requests through the ADLO of the respective unit. Hard copies will be made available if on-line access is not possible.

**BILLET-SPECIFIC TRAINING AND SKILL DESCRIPTIONS:** An alphabetical list of the billets available to Auxiliarists, along with specific skills and training requirements follows. **ICS**, **IIMS** and **MDA Patrol** requirements are not included in the descriptions below. Descriptions of the assignments marked with an (\*) can be found in the **Coast Guard Incident Management Handbook, COMDTPUB P3120.17**.

**MEMBER-IN-TRAINING STATUS:** Due to the large number of billets required to fill this plan, and the challenges of achieving and maintaining the skill levels of the Auxiliary members, there may be times when the Coast Guard must respond to an elevated MARSEC level without members having achieved all mandatory skill levels. When this occurs, a member whose training has progressed sufficiently to make them able to serve on a limited basis may be designated a **MEMBER-IN-TRAINING**. This designation will permit unit leaders to employ these members in less critical roles until their training is complete.