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District 11 Northern Region  
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### **FLEET WEEK 2011**

Yet another Fleet Week has come and gone. This year we did something a little different with the shore side communications that proved to be very educational from both the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard. The Sector Command Center requested to have the Auxiliary owned and operated comms trailer present at the Muni Pier to provide real time reporting via a Coast Guard online messaging system, both secure and unsecure comms with the new Coast Guard digital frequencies and the usage of the aircraft radio that had been recently installed. The crew of four (ADSO-CM's Kevin and Fred Sellstrom, their wives) and three qualified communication specialists took part in all four days of the event. The surface ops radio guards were taken by Muni Pier and backed up by the Comms watch at Sector San Francisco. There were a couple of hiccups, but that was expected when something new gets implemented. We are already planning for Fleet Week 2012. We will have two new repeater systems in place to help with comms for our Auxiliary members. We were very pleased that ALL surface units who participated were accounted for from start to finish. My heartfelt thanks for all communicators who participated.

### **BRANNAN ISLAND OPTREX:**

A week after the Fleet Week event, the Sacramento area Auxiliary comms trailer was present at the Brannan island OPTREX. ADSO-CM Kevin Sellstrom and other comms folks manned the trailer and according to OTO Killburger (whose opinion counts more than others) said that he had no problems at all with the way things went with the comms. AWESOME JOB! Sector San Francisco also monitored some of the comms activity and cited the professionalism of the radio communicators. This was a very HUGE pat on the back for our comms team!

### **PRESIDENT OBAMA'S VISIT TO SAN FRANCISCO - COMMS:**

Sector San Francisco reached out to the Auxiliary Communications Unit for full comms support for the President's visit. The ACU set up comms with the Secret Service at the SFIA Incident Command Post. We provided the Secret Service with both secure and unsecure radios and we communicated with all the off shore Coast Guard units for the entire stay. The Secret Service was so impressed with our professionalism that they have requested that the ACU be added to the Comms plan for every POTUS arrival in both the SF Airport and Moffett Field. Picture at the bottom of the report for your viewing pleasure!

### **COAST GUARD AUXILIARY RADIO DAY:**

Several Auxiliary radio stations stood up in celebration of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday. The Coast Guard Island Amateur Radio Club (<http://www.w6nmc.org/>) participated. Auxiliary Members Desmond Thorsson (1-7) and Eric Simmons (5-5) stood the watch and made over 50 contacts in both US and Canada. 14 states were contacted and 2 Canadian provinces were contacted making this event very successful from our area. Mr. Firehock also participated and had some contacts as well. No other reports made it to me so I am not sure if anyone else in our District came out to play. Those that did had fun and did a great job!

### **TCO-PQS:**

I have recently been getting some completed TCO-PQS forms from new members who are still in AP status. It is very important that ALL new members know that they MUST be in BQ status before they can come on board in the comms program. All new members will also need to complete the AUXCOMM course as well as the PQS before the radios can be inspected and a call sign can be issued. **Please make sure that completed form (PAGE 36) is sent directly to the DSO-CM and not the Directors Office. After the DSO-CM signs it off, then it is sent to the Directors Office to be placed in the members file and updated in AUXDATA.**

**AUXMON STATIONS:**

There has been some recent activity with the AUXMON program at the National level. Several members of this District already participate in this program, but there is room for many more. The AUXMON program is in place as a contingency for both CAMSLANT and CAMSPAC. This is for monitoring only and making sure that the message that the Coast Guard is sending out is readable. Stations within 25 miles of the coast are encouraged to participate. You MUST have AUXCOMM and the TCO-PQS completed to participate in this program. You also MUST have a Coast Guard AUX Call sign (CGAUX H/F related). All interested members, please contact the DSO-CM for more information

**ARMS (Auxiliary Resource Management System)**

The ARMS program still exists in this District and still remains the only way to be called out for any Sector related mission. Entry into this system is very simple; just be a mobile communicator (passing AUXCOM or TCO-PQS) and be willing to be available 24 hours a day for any type of assistance that is needed. This could range from helping with securing open microphones, to other Government agency liaison work. The Delta region has been stood up as well as the long standing Bay Area. Please contact the DSO-CM to be involved. We currently have 65 members listed in the system. This system also has the ability to text and send out real time emergency information.

**UPCOMING EVENTS – COMMS**

Mavericks Surf Contest – Window opens up on 01DEC2011 and the Auxiliary Comms Unit will play a pivotal point in this event. We will have mobile units set up at the Pillar Point Marina and the Sector Comms Trailer will be present at the Command Post at the Pillar Point Radar Tower.

**AGENCY ASSISTS:**

The Auxiliary Communications Units have been in contact with the following agencies while conducting SAR related missions. The ACU's have set up with these agencies as Sector SF Liaisons:

- SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF
- SAN MATEO COUNTY FIRE
- SANTA CRUZ/CAL-FIRE
- SAN FRANCISCO POLICE/FIRE
- SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT FIRE
- ALAMEDA COUNTY/CITY FIRE
- OAKLAND FIRE
- FREMONT FIRE
- MONTEREY FIRE
- CHP
- SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF/FIRE

Respectfully submitted,

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DSO-CM 113

**District 11 N/R H/F Application:**

**Please note that I will need the following information for those interested in this program as discussed at the top of the page:**

1. Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Radio Call Sign – Mobile and or Fixed Land or both: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Radio ID: Mobile NM11?? / Fixed Land NF11??: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Members address: City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Lat/Long of the address (even if mobile): \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
7. Phone number: home/office/cell: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
8. \*\*\*\*Type of Radio being offered for use: Make \_\_\_\_\_/Model \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill this out and send it back to me by USPS or email: [nm11cm@yahoo.com](mailto:nm11cm@yahoo.com)

\*\*\*\* indicates that this is a must. No HF call sign will be issued without this information.

