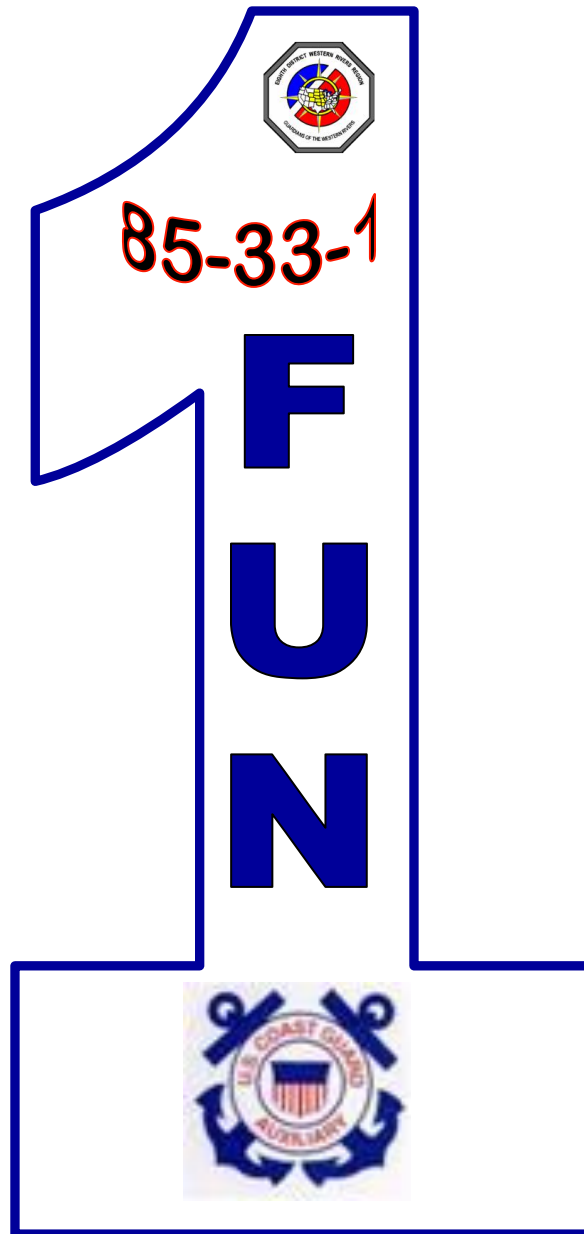


“The Fun One”

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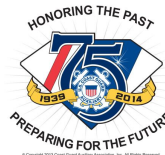
04 July	Independence Day
11 July	Boating Safety Class
20 July	Flotilla Meeting
25 July	Boating Safety Class
02 August	Division Picnic with the crew of the USCGC Gasconade
04 August	National Night Out
17 August	Flotilla Meeting

**See the calendars and check our website
for possible date changes**

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



JULY 2015

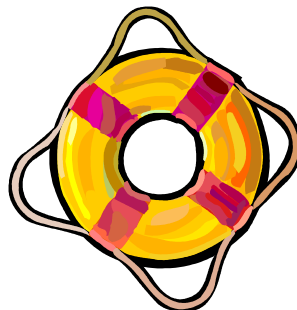
The summer fun on the water season seems in full swing. Unfortunately there has been a drowning on the Missouri River, due to the fact that the parties involved could not swim and were not wearing a life jackets. This was a very sad accident that could have been avoided by the simple usage of properly fitting life jackets.

I want to thank all of our instructors for emphasizing proper life jacket usage in all of our boating safety classes. We may never know exactly how many lives we have saved because of our courses, but even one is worth it.

On a lighter note, please remember that the Division picnic with some of the crew of the USCGC Gasconade will be coming up in August.

Stay safe!

**Barb Westcott FC
8WR 33-1**



A message from our District Commander, Rear Admiral Callahan

To the men and women of the Eighth Coast Guard District.

Although I have spoken to many of you during recent unit visits, I intentionally held off on district-wide communications until now. You are members of the Coast Guard's largest, busiest and most mission-diverse district. Considering the ongoing high operational tempo, I felt it important that you be allowed to do your jobs during my first 30 days without the additional burden of changes I might throw at you. In addition, I wanted to take the opportunity to look around a bit and talk with some of you before I considered any adjustments.

Let me start by offering my observations and impressions. Since my change of command, we experienced a major platform stability incident on the outer-continental shelf, a significant offshore platform fire, a deep draft vessel grounding along a critical waterway, widespread metropolitan area flooding in TX, more offshore medical evacuations than most districts do in a year, four medium to major pollution incidents, several lancha interdictions, and oh yes, a short notice tropical storm that moved across the Gulf and made landfall in TX. I know I left out a bunch of stuff, and I'm not even scratching the surface on the staggering level of prevention effort that goes on every day in this district. Sure it's a lot of activity, but the way I look at it, this is the reason why we "suit up." That said, I could not be more proud of the professionalism and devotion to duty I have witnessed across our seven sectors, four air stations and district staff. I see great leaders at all levels who genuinely care about their people, I see highly professional active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary members who truly understand their duties and responsibilities, and I see a forward-leaning team that believes in selfless service to their nation. Pretty darn impressive...

So what is important to me as your district commander?

First, the District Commander's Philosophy themes of Safety, Proficiency and Community established by my predecessor, RADM Cook were on the mark - I see no reason to change them as they are an excellent framework through which we approach our duties. You may notice small changes in their descriptions in our updated D8 Strategic Plan, but they are generally the same. Please take the time to review them at: <https://cgportal2.uscg.mil/units/d8/D8%20-%20Strategic%20Plan/default.aspx> .

Second, I expect all of you to remember that we are an organization with a bias for action. This is in our DNA, and our heritage since 1790. Basic principles like adaptability and on scene initiative are the hallmark of our unique capabilities and value to the nation. It should always be on our mind that regardless of the nature of our duties, our nation depends upon us for their safety and security. Our attitudes and actions should reflect this heavy and noble responsibility at all times.

Third, whether active duty, reserve, civilian or auxiliarist, we are all brothers and sisters in blue, performing challenging duties and missions that are amongst our nation's highest calling. We depend upon each other, often with our lives- we owe each other the respect, dignity, and positive workplace climates we all deserve. "Approachability and collegiality" are leadership attributes I expect to be practiced both inside our organization, and in our relationships with outside organizations and industry.

A Message from the Division FSO-FN

This is a reminder that dues renewal notices should go out in July and there has been an increase in national dues for 2016.

National Dues for 2016 as follows:

Annual Dues \$24.00
New Member 1st Qtr Dues \$18.00
New Member 2nd Qtr Dues \$12.00
New Member 3rd Qtr Dues \$ 6.00

The district dues is now \$15.00 and the Division is \$10.00. The total is \$49.00 plus whatever your Flotilla dues are.

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The new Division PA event display
Picture by Dan Groenendyk



TO: ALAUX
From: CHDIRAUX
SUBJ: OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (OPM) CYBERSECURITY
INCIDENT -
UPDATE -015/15

1. Auxiliarists are strongly encouraged to thoroughly review the following message. It was received on June 23, 2015 from the Department of Homeland Security Management Communications network, and it provides updates to information provided in ALAUX 011/15 issued on June 5, 2015 and ALAUX 013/15 issued on June 13, 2015. It indicates that notifications to affected individuals began June 8 and may take several days beyond June 19 to arrive by email or mail.

"This is an update on the recent cyber incidents at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

As the Department has recently shared, on June 4, OPM announced an intrusion impacting personnel information of approximately four million current and former Federal employees. OPM is offering affected individuals credit monitoring services and identity theft insurance with CSID, a company that specializes in identity theft protection and fraud resolution. Additional information is available on the company's website, <https://www.csid.com/opm/> and by calling toll-free 844-777-2743 (international callers: call collect 512-327-0705). More information can also be found on OPM's website: www.opm.gov.

Notifications to individuals affected by this incident began on June 8 on a rolling basis through June 19. However, it may take several days beyond June 19 for a notification to arrive by email or mail. If you have any questions about whether you were among those affected by the incident announced on June 4, you may call the toll free number above.

On June 12, OPM announced a separate cyber intrusion affecting systems that contain information related to background investigations of current, former, and prospective Federal Government employees from across all branches of government, as well as other individuals for whom a Federal background investigation was conducted, including contractors. This incident remains under investigation by OPM, DHS, and the FBI. The investigators are working to determine the exact number and list of potentially affected individuals. We understand that many of you are concerned about this intrusion. As this is an ongoing investigation, please know that OPM is working to notify potentially affected individuals as soon as possible.

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As an important reminder, OPM discovered this incident as a result of the agency's concerted and aggressive efforts to strengthen its cybersecurity capabilities and protect the security and integrity of the information entrusted to the agency. In addition, OPM continues to work with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), DHS, the FBI, and other elements of the Federal Government to enhance the security of its systems and to detect and thwart evolving and persistent cyber threats. As a result of the work by the interagency incident response team, we have confidence in the integrity of the OPM systems and continue to use them in the performance of OPM's mission. OPM continues to process background investigations and carry out other functions on its networks.

Additionally, OMB has instructed Federal agencies to immediately take a number of steps to further protect Federal information and assets and improve the resilience of Federal networks. We are working with OMB to ensure we are enforcing the latest standards and tools to protect the security and interests of the DHS workforce.

The Department will continue to update you as more information about the cyber incidents at OPM comes to light. For all updates, including previous messages and important resources, please visit the OPM Cybersecurity Incident Updates <<http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/Pages/OPM-Cybersecurity-Incident-Updates.aspx>> page on Connect.

OPM is the definitive source for information on the recent cyber incidents. Please visit OPM's website for regular updates on both incidents and for answers to frequently asked questions: www.opm.gov/cybersecurity <<http://www.opm.gov/news/latest-news/announcements/>> . DHS is also interested in your feedback and questions on the incident and our communications. You can reach out to us at privacyhelp@dhs.gov with these comments.

Employees who want to learn additional information about the measures they can take to ensure the safety of their personal information can find resources at the National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC) at <http://www.ncsc.gov> <http://www.ncsc.gov/about/docs/Dealing_with_a_Breach_of_your_PII.pdf> .

Please note that the OPM notification is different from other notifications you may have already received. The Department is also in the process of notifying some DHS employees in CBP, ICE, TSA, and in a small number of other components that one of the companies that DHS contracts with to conduct background investigations and credit checks may have experienced a compromise of its network. That notification, which was made via U.S. Postal Service, is separate from the OPM notification. It is possible that some employees are affected by both the DHS and OPM incidents."

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2. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and Information.

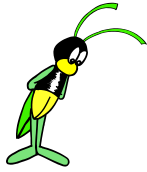
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BY THE INFORMATION BUG

JULY Notes

From: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/90375>

Prepare For Emergencies Now: Information For Older Americans

Preparing Makes Sense for Older Americans. Get Ready Now. The likelihood that you and your family will recover from an emergency tomorrow often depends on the planning and preparation done today. While each person's abilities and needs are unique, every individual can take steps to prepare for all kinds of emergencies from fires and floods to potential terrorist attacks. By evaluating your own personal needs and making an emergency plan that fits those needs, you and your loved ones can be better prepared. This guide outlines commonsense measures older Americans can take to start preparing for emergencies before they happen. Preparing makes sense for older Americans. Get Ready Now.

1 Get a Kit Of Emergency Supplies

The first step is to consider how an emergency might affect your individual needs. Plan to make it on your own, for at least three days. It's possible that you will not have access to a medical facility or even a drugstore. It is crucial that you and your family think about what kinds of resources you use on a daily basis and what you might do if those resources are limited or not available.

Basic Supplies:

Think first about the basics for survival – food, water, clean air and any life-sustaining items you require. Consider two kits. In one kit put everything you will need to stay where you are and make it on your own for a period of time. The other kit should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you have to leave your home. Recommended basic emergency supplies include:



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- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food and a can opener if kit contains canned food w Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries w First aid kit w Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- French or pliers to turn off utilities w Local maps
- Pet food, extra water and supplies for your pet or service animal

Include Medications and Medical Supplies:

If you take medicine or use a medical treatment on a daily basis, be sure you have what you need on hand to make it on your own for at least a week. You should also keep a copy of your prescriptions as well as dosage or treatment information. If it is not possible to have a week-long supply of medicines and supplies, keep as much as possible on hand and talk to your pharmacist or doctor about what else you should do to prepare.

If you undergo routine treatments administered by a clinic or hospital or if you receive regular services such as home health care, treatment or transportation, talk to your service provider about their emergency plans. Work with them to identify back-up service providers within your area and the areas you might evacuate to. If you use medical equipment in your home that requires electricity to operate, talk to your health care provider about what you can do to prepare for its use during a power outage.

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Additional Items:

In addition, there may be other things specific to your personal needs that you should also have on hand. If you use eyeglasses, hearing aids and hearing aid batteries, wheelchair batteries, and oxygen, be sure you always have extras in your home. Also have copies of your medical insurance, Medicare and Medicaid cards readily available.

Include Emergency Documents:

Include copies of important documents in your emergency supply kits such as family records, wills, power of attorney documents, deeds, social security numbers, credit card and bank information, and tax records. It is best to keep these documents in a waterproof container. Include the names and numbers of everyone in your personal support network, as well as your medical providers. Also be sure you have cash or travelers checks in your kits in case you need to purchase supplies

2 Make a Plan For What You Will Do in an Emergency

The reality of a disaster situation is that you will likely not have access to everyday conveniences. To plan in advance, think through the details of your everyday life. If there are people who assist you on a daily basis, list who they are, and how you will contact them in an emergency. Create your own personal support network by identifying others who will help you in an emergency. Think about what modes of transportation you use and what alternative modes could serve as back-ups. If you require handicap accessible transportation be sure your alternatives are also accessible. For every aspect of your daily routine, plan an alternative procedure. Make a plan and write it down. Keep a copy of your plan in your emergency supply kits and a list of important information and contacts in your wallet. Share your plan with your family, friends, care providers and others in your personal support network.

Create a Personal Support Network:

If you anticipate needing assistance during a disaster, make a list of family, friends and others who will be part of your plan. Talk to these people and ask them to be part of your support network. Share each aspect of your emergency plan with everyone in your group, including a friend or relative in another area who would not be impacted by the same emergency who can help if necessary. Practice your plan with those who have agreed to be part of your personal support network.

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Make sure everyone knows how you plan to evacuate your home or workplace and where you will go in case of a disaster. Make sure that someone in your personal support network has an extra key to your home and knows where you keep

Develop a Family Communications Plan:

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations. Consider a plan where each family member calls, or e-mails, the same friend or relative in the event of an emergency. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact, not in the impacted area, may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members. You may have trouble getting through, or the phone system may be down altogether, but be patient. For more information on how to develop a family communications plan visit www.ready.gov.

Deciding to Stay or Go:

Depending on your circumstances and the nature of the emergency, the first important decision is whether you stay or go. You should understand and plan for both possibilities. Use common sense and available information to determine if there is immediate danger. In any emergency, local authorities may or may not immediately be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do. However, you should monitor television or radio news reports for information or official instructions as they become available. If you 're specifically told to evacuate or seek medical treatment, do so immediately. If you require additional travel time or need transportation assistance, make these arrangements in advance.

Consider Your Pets:

Whether you decide to stay put in an emergency or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make plans in advance for your pets and service animals. Keep in mind that what 's best for you is typically what 's best for your animals. If you must evacuate, take your pets with you, if possible. However, if you are going to a public shelter, it is important to understand that only service animals may be allowed inside. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for both you and your pets; consider loved ones or friends outside of your immediate area, pet-friendly shelters and veterinarians who would be willing to take in you and your pets in an emergency. For more information about pet preparedness, visit www.ready.gov.

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Staying Put:

Whether you are at home or elsewhere, there may be situations when it 's simply best to stay where you are and avoid any uncertainty outside. Consider what you can do to safely shelter-in-place alone or with friends, family or neighbors. Also consider how a shelter designated for the public would meet your needs. There could be times when you will need to stay put and create a barrier between yourself and potentially contaminated air outside. This process is known as "sealing the room." Use available information to assess the situation. If you see large amounts of debris in the air, or if local authorities say the air is badly contaminated, you may want to take this kind of action. For more information about "sealing the room," visit www.ready.gov.

Evacuation:

There may be conditions in which you will decide to get away, or there may be situations when you may be ordered to leave. Plan how you will get away and anticipate where you will go. Choose several destinations in different directions so you have options in an emergency. Ask about evacuation plans at the places where you spend time including work, community organizations and other places you frequent. If you typically rely on elevators, have a back-up plan in case they are not working.

Fire Safety:



Plan two ways out of every room in case of fire. Check for items such as bookcases, hanging pictures, or overhead lights that could fall and block an escape path. Check hallways, stairwells, doorways, windows and other areas for hazards that may keep you from safely leaving a building during an emergency. Secure or remove furniture and objects that may block your path. If there are aspects of preparing your home or workplace that you are not able to do yourself, enlist the help of your personal support network.

Contact Your Local Emergency Information Management Office:

Some local emergency management offices maintain registers of older people so they can be located and assisted quickly in a disaster. Contact your local emergency management agency to see if these services exist where you live or visit www.ready.gov to find links to government offices in your area.

July 2015

Happy July 4th

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