

“The Fun One”

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**On Facebook we are found at:
USCGAUX Flotilla 85-33-01**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 10 December | Division Holiday Party |
| 17 December | Flotilla Holiday Party |
| 19 December | NO FLOTILLA MEETING |
| 25 December | Christmas Day |
| 31 December | New Years Eve |
| 14 January | COW Location TBA |
| 16 January | Flotilla Meeting |
| 10 - 12 March | Spring D-Train |

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

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**Want to see more pictures?
Please remember to check out the website at:
http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?**



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



DECEMBER 2016

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and were able to spend time with your family and/or friends.

As this is the last newsletter that I will be writing this “Flotilla Commander’s Message,” I wish to take a moment and thank each of you for your support, your involvement and hard work but most of all for your faith in me to get the job done. I also wish to mention what wonderful friends you have all become. I hope to see many of you at the division and flotilla Christmas Parties.

Remember to give James and Shane as much help and support as you possibly can, so that our flotilla may continue to be the best. We are the “FUN ONE” after all!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the best in 2017!

Stay Safe

Barb

**Barb Westcott FC
8WR 33-01**





**Please congratulate
the 2017 board of our
flotilla,
James Miller,
FC Elect,
(on the right)
and
Shane Wilson,
VFC Elect,
(on the left)**

Picture by
Barb Westcott, FC

Thank you to those that attended the last flotilla meeting.

**I appreciate the vote of confidence and will work for the good of the
flotilla and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.**

**I would like to challenge each member of the flotilla to work to add
another member to the flotilla.**

**If there is anything I can do for anyone please let me know.
James**

**James Miller
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Division 33, 8th Western Rivers Region
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Christmas
Celebration

Saturday, December 10, 2016

Pizza Ranch 3010 S. 84th St

13:00-15:00



Appetizers Provided
Full Menu Available

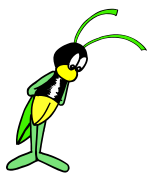
Members, active duty, family, and
friends are welcome! RSVP not
required but requested so that ample
food is available

You may if you wish bring a gift/
take a gift (\$25 limit) - optional!



**Please let me know if you will be attending, and if any of your family
members will be joining us. My email address is kc0hlb@cox.net.**

Barb Westcott, FC



BY THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott

DECEMBER NOTES

<https://www.ready.gov/holiday-toolkit>

How to Use this Holiday Toolkit

The Holiday Preparedness Social Media toolkit contains holiday safety and preparedness you can share on your social media channels. You can either copy these messages directly or customize them to reach your audience.

What You Should Know about the Holidays

Stay off the road during and after a winter storm

Keep candles away from flammable materials.

Keep an eye on food when cooking.

Turn off holiday lights at night.

Keep your tree watered, don't let your holiday tree dry out.

Shop securely online over the holidays.

Hashtags & Emojis

#HolidaySafety

#GetReady

#SafeTravels

#PrepareAthon if you are conducting a preparedness exercise, tabletop discussion, or sharing a preparedness-in-action moment.

Feel free to add some fun emoji's (the little pictures on your mobile phone keyboard) to your social messages.

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Graphics & Promotional Content

For more engaging content attach graphics to social media posts. Below are collections of holiday safety related graphics that you can share with the below text.

[United States Fire Administration Christmas tree and candle safety](#)

[United States Fire Administration Thanksgiving cooking and turkey fryer](#)

[FEMA app](#)

[Red Cross Emergency app](#)

[NOAA mobile site](#)

[Center for Disease Control's TravWell app](#)

Toolkit graphics:

Twitter Content

Traveling

Talk with family about who to call, where to meet, & what to pack for an emergency this holiday season.

If you're traveling by plane for the holidays, review [@TSA's](#) security screening tips: <http://go.usa.gov/cjxp5>

If you're packing for a flight, consider a small emergency kit: flashlight, batteries, & spare USB power bank.

Traveling for #Thanksgiving? Pack an emergency kit for each person in your car: <http://go.usa.gov/sUPP>

Travel plans this holiday season? Prepare your car for winter weather before hitting the road: <http://bit.ly/1XQ0s0J>



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On the road this winter? Fill out an emergency comm plan card & let your ICE contact know your plan: <http://1.usa.gov/1LPuV9o> [#SafeTravels](#)

Are you going home for the holidays? Take care when traveling by car during #WinterWx: <http://1.usa.gov/1zfRvDj>

Are you taking your pets with you for the holidays? Add a few emergency items for your pets: www.ready.gov/pets

For [#SafeTravels](#) with family over the holidays, remember to include emergency items for kids when you pack: www.ready.gov/kids/build-a-kit

Cooking Safety

Keep an eye on what you fry! Most cooking fires start when frying food.

Be a safe cook this #Thanksgiving: wear short sleeves or roll them up so they don't catch on fire.

Watch what you heat! Most house fires start in the kitchen.

Decorations

Check the water and unplug lights on your #Christmas tree before you go to bed. <http://youtu.be/RNjO3wZDVIA>

Keep your #Christmas tree 3ft. away from heat sources.

That tree looks great at night, but don't forget to unplug the lights to prevent a fire! <http://1.usa.gov/1tX8gRk>

Mark your calendar: Take out your tree after #Christmas or when it is dry.

Consider using flameless candles during #Kwanzaa or #Hanukkah celebrations.

Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.

Keep candles 12 inches away from anything that burns.

Hanging holiday lights can be a fun family activity. Stay safe by avoiding potential fire dangers. <http://1.usa.gov/1FHGV7T>



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Communication

Today, talk to your family about where to meet during an emergency.

While family is together celebrating the holidays decide on a family emergency meeting spot.

Give the gift of communication this holiday with Family Emergency Communication Plan wallet cards: <http://1.usa.gov/1LPuV9o>

General

New tablet or smartphone? Download preparedness apps: <http://m.fema.gov>

Connect with care. Do your online shopping at home, and make sure your home wireless network is protected.

Be cautious online. During the holidays, scammers may send fake emails that are too good to be true. Don't click on links!

Set strong passwords and change your password often. Do not set passwords that will be easy for cyber criminals to guess.

Too good to be true? It probably is. Shop online through trusted retailers to avoid getting scammed.

Buying #LastMinuteGifts? Grab a flashlight and batteries to start an emergency supply kit: www.ready.gov/kit

Winter weather headed your way this holiday? Prepare now with this animated video: <http://bit.ly/1t0tQzK>

Give the gift of preparedness this holiday. Check out @FEMA's suggested gift list: <http://1.usa.gov/1Amu9fe>

Safety is the gift that keeps giving! Check out @NFPA's gift to you: <http://bit.ly/12X76eX>

Most holiday home fires can be prevented. Take simple steps to protect your property: <http://bit.ly/12X76eX> #



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Be fire smart as you deck the halls this season! <http://1.usa.gov/1FHGV7T>
#HolidaySafety

Ring in the new year safely by following these tips: <http://bit.ly/1gReM3I>
#HolidaySafety

Facebook Content

If you're flying somewhere for the holidays, take a moment and ensure safe travels with these tips:

- Consider a small emergency kit for your suitcase with items such as a flashlight, batteries, a USB power bank and a first aid kit.
- Take a moment to review the security screening process - www.tsa.gov/travel/travel-tips from the TSA.
- Have a plan so when you land, you're ready. (Download & embed video www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/videos/77938.)

If you're going to be on the road with your animal companions for the holidays, make sure that your car or travel emergency kit includes items for your pet like water and food. Something familiar such as a toy or comforting like a blanket can also help alleviate stress. For a complete list of pet preparedness item visit: www.ready.gov/pets

The holidays are a great time to share preparedness information with family and friends. The Family Emergency Communication Plan from America's PrepareAthon! is a valuable resource especially during the busy holiday travel season. Download and complete the plan today! Handy wallet cards are also available so you can keep emergency contact information in your pocket.
<http://1.usa.gov/1LPuV9o>

Thanksgiving cooking safety tip: keep an eye on what you fry! Most cooking fires start when someone is frying food. For more cooking safety tips visit:
www.usfa.fema.gov/winter

Did you decorate your Christmas tree over the weekend? Don't forget to check the water level and unplug the lights every night before you go to bed. Watch what happens to a tree that is watered regularly and not: <http://youtu.be/RNjO3wZDVIA>

Traveling by car over the holidays? Don't forget to pack an emergency supply kit for each passenger in your car. Kit tips: www.ready.gov/car

Happy Thanksgiving! Today, talk to your family over the dinner table about where to meet during an emergency! For more tips and information visit: www.ready.gov/kids

Happy Hanukkah! Make fire safety part of your family tradition. Visit the National Fire Protection Association for more tips: www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/causes/candles/candle-safety-tips

Did you know that 2 out of every 5 home decoration fires start with candles? Check out these winter holiday safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association and practice your family emergency plan over the holidays: <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/causes/candles/candle-safety-tips>


Did you get a new tablet or smartphone? Don't forget to download emergency preparedness apps and bookmark mobile sites including the FEMA smartphone app: www.fema.gov/smartphone-app

Emergency Managers can give the gift of emergency preparedness by teaching kids what do before, during, and after a disaster. Download the curriculum to start planning: www.ready.gov/kids/educators



December 2016



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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Division 33 Holiday Party |
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January 2017

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