Training Component of the Trident Program

The Trident Program is the Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Department's member training and qualifications program for personnel participating in operations and support activities with the US Coast Guard's Marine Safety Directorate and local marine safety units. Completion of Trident Program components will qualify an Auxiliary member for the award of the Auxiliary Marine Safety Device, a distinctive uniform badge indicating full attainment of professional competency in the MS/MEP program. For full information on the Trident Program and its qualifications, please see the following link to the Auxiliary Web site:
http://www.cgaux.org/cgauxweb/news/news_m.htm

The Trident Program includes the following training courses:

1. Introduction to Marine Safety (INTRO-MS/MEP)
   a) Text Book and Student Study Guide at this link - Trident Training Documents
   b) To take an exam, follow this link - U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Training Department National Testing Center and scroll down to your exam, after reading the instructions.

2. The advanced course series, (ADV-MS/MEP) consisting of the following:
   a) Initial Indoctrination Marine Inspections (IIMI) (Paper-based correspondence course at Coast Guard Institute);
   b) Initial Indoctrination Port (IIPO) (Paper-based correspondence course at Coast Guard Institute);

3. Incident Command System (ICS100)
   (Go this link for Instructions USCG Auxiliary Incident Command System (ICS) Program Support Pages);

4. Good Mate Course
   Text Book, which includes student study guide at this link - Trident Training Documents

All courses do require an "end-of-course test" to be taken on-line. The passing score is 90 percent correct. The tests are open-book. To take an exam, follow this link - U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Training Department National Testing Center and scroll down to your exam, after
reading the instructions.

5. Questions about course material or general questions about the Trident program - click on this link: Trident Program Help

The following is a listing of some of the information on the World Wide Web (Internet) that pertains to this program.

Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)

MOU for Employment of the USCG Auxiliary in Support of the MS&EP Missions in the 7th USCG District AOR

National and District Websites

- USCG Auxiliary Marine Safety & Environmental Protection Department Home Page
  - Safety Lines Newsletter Archive
  - MSEP Programs Website
- USCG Auxiliary What's New Page Announcements are posted here first. After 30 days they are moved to the web site above.
- USCG Auxiliary District 7 DSO-MS Web page
- USCG Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Web site
- USCG 7th District Marine Safety Division Web site
- USCG 7th District Marine Safety Offices

Marine Safety Programs

The Commandant has authorized USCG Auxiliarists to wear the Marine Safety Qualification Insignia. See the Marine Safety Insignia Page for more information.

A PowerPoint Presentation on the Marine Safety Insignia and the Trident Program from NACON 2002 includes a graphic and description of the device and the education requirements (Trident Program), time in service requirements and required skill summaries to earn the device.

Education Program

The Trident Education Program was announced at N-TRAIN and Safety Lines Vol.2 No. 2 (March 2001) as a baseline training program for Auxiliary members involved in the
Marine Safety and Environmental Protection programs. This program includes existing materials from the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Institute, the Ocean Conservancy excerpts from the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Manual Volume I. Elements include “Incident Command System Orientation,” “Initial Indoctrination -- Marine Inspector” Course, “Initial Indoctrination -- Port Operations” Course, and the “Good Mate Manual” from CMC. Enrollment in USCG Institute courses is through your local CG Education Officer. See your USCG Auxiliary Member Training (MT) officer for assistance.

**USCG Marine Safety Manual**

The excerpts from the Marine Safety Manual Volume 1 provides an overview of the Coast Guard’s Marine Safety program.

- [Change Notice to Volume 1, Chapter 7 Marine Safety Manual](#)

**Incident Command System**

The Incident Command System Orientation course (ICS Level 100) is designed to help the student understand the principles of the Incident Command System and how to use it. It acquaints the student with basic ICS structure, terminology and usage in emergency response situations.

- [USCG 2001 Incident Management Handbook](#) Available in English, Spanish and Russian

**Initial Indoctrination - Marine Safety and Environmental Protection**

Outline of a course currently under development (PowerPoint format, 161KB).

**Initial Indoctrination - Marine Inspector**

The Initial Indoctrination -- Marine Inspector course is available from the Coast Guard Institute. It provides introductory knowledge for those entering the marine safety field for those who are assigned to marine inspection duties.

**Initial Indoctrination - Port Operations**

The Initial Indoctrination -- Port Operations course provides introductory knowledge for those entering the marine safety field who are assigned port safety, security, and/or response duties. No download is available at this time.

**Good Mate Manual**

The Good Mate Manual and Course is available from the CG Institute.
Other web sites of interest:

- D7 Comms
- U.S. Coast Guard’s Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) and Ballast Water Program Training Guide
- USCG Marine Safety Manuals Compete set of 10 volumes
- USCG Mariner Licensing Web site
- USCG Headquarters General Publications (Regs, forms, audit sheets, commonly asked questions etc.)
- USCG Headquarters Current Regulatory Publications
- USCG Drug and Alcohol Testing - associated forms
- 7th District Drug and Alcohol Inspector (DAPI) Links to Marine Employer Guidebook, Management Information Systems Report and Letters of Substantial Compliance

Although not part of the Trident Program the following courses from the Coast Guard Institute might be of interest:

- Marine Science Technician, First
- Marine Science Technician, Second
- ICS Orientation (I-200)
- ICS in Oil Spill Response USCG D1

Other web sites of interest:

- FEMA EMI Basic Incident Command System, IS-195
- FEMA-Training

Hazardous Material

- Hazardous Materials/Marine Pollution Basic Awareness USCG Auxiliary
- Hazardous Materials Training Course for Auxiliary Members First District Southern Region
- FEMA - EMI Hazardous Materials: A Citizen's Orientation
- DOT 2000 Emergency Response Guidebook First Responders HazMat
- USCG D7 Training Requirements for Oil and Hazardous Materials Response Operations
- USCG D7 Marine Environmental Response Contingency Plan Includes USCG Auxiliary participation
- Oil Spill Response Planning and Spill Response Roles USCG D1
- Mechanical Containment and Recovery Of Spilled Oil USCG D1
- Oil Spill Shoreline Assessment and Shoreline Cleanup USCG D1
- NOAA Office of Response and Restoration Reference material for responders and restorers
- EPA Oil Spill Program
- US National Response Team
The researcher has been unable to determine if this program is available in USCG Auxiliary District 7.

Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety

In support of Coast Guard efforts to improve commercial fishing vessel (CFV) safety, the Auxiliary is training and assigning dockside examiners. These members conduct CFV exams dockside and inspect both the boat and the safety equipment carried on board. Just like the Auxiliary’s CME program for recreational boats, participation is voluntary and there is no penalty if a boat fails the exam. Safety Lines Vol. 1 No. 2

- Guidelines For the Utilization of Coast Guard Auxiliary Members in the CFVS Program
- USCG Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Web site
  - CFVS References
- USCG All Districts Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety
- USCG District 7 CFVS Program
  - Free CFVS Information and Links

Dockwalker Program

A companion to the CFV safety check program is the “Dockwalker” program. This program provides members who may not have the time or interest to train for the specialized work of vessel inspectors the opportunity to act as dockside public affairs officers. Dockwalkers provide critical information materials to fishing vessel crews. They are frequently the first point of contact with the fishermen and are able to encourage the voluntary dockside exam. Safety Lines Vol. 2 No.1

- DirectorGram Reporting Time for the Dockwalker Program

Uninspected Passenger Vessel Safety

- Comparison of Standards

Harbor Observer/Specialist Programs

- Harbor Observer Program From First District Southern Region
- Harbor Patrol Guide 2002

The following web sites may be of interest:
• **Port Operations Information for Safety & Efficiency (POISE)** POISE contains maritime-related links to websites created by Government Agencies, Port Authorities, Marine Exchanges, etc., throughout the United States.

• **Port State Information eXchange**

**Strategic Planning**

**Emergency Response Planning**

• **Emergency Preparedness Implementation Document** This Document is provided to give Auxiliary units specific procedures in assisting Coast Guard Active Duty Units either through orders provided by DIRAUX or other Active Duty Units.

• **Guidelines For Emergency Response Planning USCG Auxiliary**

• **USCG National Strike Force (NSF) On-line Documentation**

• **USCG D7 Hurricane Command Post Handbook**

• **USCG D7 Hurricane and Storm Preparedness and Planning** Policy letter

**State Emergency Management Offices in USCG Auxiliary District 7 Area of Responsibility**

• **South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division**

• **Georgia Emergency Management Agency**

• **Florida Division of Emergency Management**

• **US Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency - no website**

• **Puerto Rico - - no website**

For Emergency Management Offices in other states, see the [FEMA Regional Offices Web Page](https://www.fema.gov/) and click the link for State Emergency Management Agencies and Offices.

**Other web sites of interest:**

• **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
  - [FEMA Emergency Management Institute](https://www.fema.gov/) Independent Study Courses

**Environmental Protection and Sea Partners Programs**

• **USCG Sea Partners Program**
  - Outline and training material for the "Sea Partners" program, including the use of the new "Good Mate" manual and documents as part of that program. PowerPoint and Word documents. (ZIP format, 262KB).

• **100th Meridian Initiative** The 100th Meridian Initiative is a cooperative effort between state, provincial, and federal agencies to prevent the westward spread of zebra mussels and other aquatic nuisance species in North America.

• **U.S. Coast Guard’s Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) and Ballast Water Program Training Guide**

• **National Clean Boating Campaign**
Clean Boating Lesson Plan From 1st Southern
- **Clean Vessel Act Pumpout Program** US Fish & Wildlife Service
- **International Coastal Cleanup** Center for Marine Conservation
- **NOAA Marine Fisheries Service** Endangered species and marine mammal information
- **NOAA National Ocean Service** Publications available on-line

Special Projects

Waterways Management

- Briefing on the Auxiliary's participation in Coast Guard Waterways Management initiatives, including a strategic overview from the Marine Safety Department and execution of operational support initiatives from the Operations Department. Part A (PowerPoint format, 1.4MB) and Part B (Adobe Acrobat™ format, 980KB).
- **USCG Waterways Management Directorate** web site
- **Waterways Management Directly Related Links**

Opportunities To Serve

Check the USCG Auxiliary **Job Search** for opportunities to serve the Coast Guard in the 7th District.

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