

Update on what our Coast Guard is doing in Haiti: (Capt. McAllister) We were the first responders from the international perspective. We had four cutters there within the first 24 hours. Because we operate in reach of that area at all-times, we had helicopters which are on the cutters and aircraft that were in operation not too far away. They were all very critical in getting an accurate assessment and telling the entire nation what the situation was like. We also provided some of the video which was actually the first video, that depicted the entire impact of the area. One of the four cutters, which was there in the first 24 hours became air traffic control, which is kind of an unusual assignment for us, but which we were very capable of adapting to. We also evacuated quite a few folks in the first 36 hours, approximately 125 people some of which were very seriously injured. We also evacuated some of the United Nations embassy people, which we needed to get out of the country. We have nonstop, been flying in responders and flying out people who need to be evacuated. The emphasis will be on getting the ports back open. While there are a couple of ports, fairly far away from Port-au-Prince, that are open. Their use is very limited. The major ports in Port-au-Prince are unusable. The piers are cracked. The earth just heaved up in the middle of the port. There is concern of a massive immigration of Haitian people into United States. The security situation in Haiti is already bad and is expected to get worse because of the slow trickle of resources in the country. The Coast Guard is playing a leading role, and I'm very proud of the work that we doing there.

Commander Harrison: Lieut. Jeanita Jefferson will be leaving us this summer. She has been summoned by the President. She will be working in the West Wing this summer. She had to go through a very extensive interview process , she went in on a Friday for the interview, they called her the next day and told her she had the job. This was kind of unexpected and out of the blue, but she was hand chosen for the job and we are very proud of her. Her successor will not be selected until the spring. We will let you know when that happens. It will be difficult to find somebody of her caliber to replace her .

In addition to the other information about Haiti, we have lists of people who are qualified to assist such as medical people and interpreters. These lists are coded. We are waiting for their call in case that we are needed. Also, if any of you would like to do something as a civilian. You are free to do so. This isn't a situation that is going to go away in a month or two. We are talking a long-term situation, possibly years.

District Capt. N, Reggie Hollar: One of the situations that is going to come up in the future, is small boat threats. There is always the possibility of a terrorist attack from a small boat within the Savannah Harbor, the Charleston Harbor, wherever, it could be a bridge, it could be a ship. Whenever you're doing your VE exams or teaching your boating safety classes, make sure you emphasize the importance of being on watch and reporting any unusual situations.

Commander Ron Goldenberg, ASC Sector Charleston: It has been brought to our attention by two flotillas that we need to do something about getting notified about 911 calls in Beaufort County. We now have a memorandum of understanding of agreement with Beaufort County than any 911 calls that comes into Beaufort amended that comes into Beaufort emergency management services. That involves on the water incidents is now reported directly to the Coast Guard, who then decides which organization will be contacted.

We now have a plan, which is visited every month, which involves what activities the Coast Guard auxiliary can do to assist Coast Guard missions. This plan is visited monthly at sector Charleston.

Kent Shockey: We used to have orders that involved the use of the auxiliary. Do we have anything like that now?

Henry Pratt: this issue has come up at the district recently to my knowledge we did not have anything like that at this time.

Commander Don Winfield: We have a lot of manuals that designate what you guys can do and cannot do. The last thing we wanted to is add any more paperwork. What we want is to use you guys as a force multiplier. The more instructions we have refined, the more limitations we have. This ties the hands of the commander. As long as you are following the regulations provided in the manuals that are already put forth, we are very happy. We want to maintain flexibility with you guys. I know what you guys want ...you want to be used and that's why we have the ASC's now. They do a great job working with the sector commanders. They are always putting their hands out, saying "we can do that". So before we get involved in any writing of new restrictions, everyone needs to realize that all they do is tie our hands.

Henry Pratt: I agree, I want to say exactly the same thing. We have in operations policy manual with the Coast Guard auxiliary policy manual. They tell us what we can do and can't do. Very simply, we can't get involved in law enforcement (actually arresting anybody) and we can't be involved in any military activity. Other than that, we can do anything the Commandant asks us to do.

Approval of minutes:

Ted Phillips, one correction, CVP to be changed to CBP (Customs and Border Protection).

Motion to accept by; Ted Phillips.

Second motion by; Warren Wilson.

Commander Bill Capitan: Welcome to the new Flotilla Commanders.

Paul Bredwell, Commander of flotilla 10-01, previously the vice commander

Ted Phillips, Commander of 10-02, continues.

Motts Parrinello, Commander flotilla 10-10. Motts is not here this morning, but is represented by Tom O'Connor

Charlie Jessop, Commander of 1011, previously the vice commander.

This years' Vice Flotilla Commanders are:

Flotilla 10-01, John Pinkney.

Flotilla 10-02, Al Townsend

Flotilla 10-10, Rick Tomlin.

Flotilla 10-11, Ron Winarchick.

As I call out the names of the 2009 division staff officers, please step up to the front.

Bill Capitan: I just wanted to say thanks to everyone and give you all a round of applause.

Oath of office, administered by Capt. Michael McAllister for Division Commander Bill Capitan and Division Vice Commander, Warren Wilson.

Bill Capitan: Now I would like to introduce the new division officers.

Communications officer, Jim Yoder.

Communications Systems officer, Walter Reppenhagen.

Finance officer, Ken Pearl.

Information Systems officer, and immediate past commander, Dick Luettich.

Materials officer, Mary Pratt.

Marine Safety officer, Tom Holland.

Member Training officer, Kent Shockey.

Navigation Systems officer, Don Funderburk.

Operations officer, Henry Pratt.

Public Affairs officer, John Tysse.

Publications officer, Karen Wilson.

Public Education officer, Bill Hastie.

Personnel Services officer, Ted Phillips.

Partner Visitor officer, Bill Capitan.

Secretary of Records, Karen Wilson.

Vessel Examiner, Paul Padula.

The new officers were presented with "Certificates of Appointment" and directions as to their responsibilities.

The Oath of Office was administered by Division Commander, Bill Capitan.

Commanders' reports: (see attached).

Staff officers' reports: (see attached).

Henry Pratt operations:(discussion about new member applications). There is a new 18 page security clearance form, which must be filled out for anyone who is interested in operations. This form is on the website. It's new. It will be found under forms. I also need two copies of the Department of Homeland Security 1109 reports. Those are also on the Web and I need 2 fingerprint cards for each person. I recommend that if you have a new member bring them in as a D.O. first. Then, if they have an interest in operations have them fill out the security form. Otherwise, the process could take several months. When they upgrade, is where I need the second set of fingerprint cards. The first that has already been submitted with the original application.

Commander Winfield: we want you to do it exactly as you are saying. The direction we are going is to have the member enroll completely online. There are going to be some significant changes as to how we are doing the enrollment process. We are going to streamline the process, in order to make it easier on everyone. So that we don't go months without having any knowledge of the member's status. Our feelings are that any member who seeks D.O. status should be able to go online and fill out the security form. The new process will not allow you to go on to the next up, unless you have completed the form correctly up to that point. This process will save time by preventing the resubmission of forms, which were incorrectly filled out. It also serves as a buffer as to whether or not, the member should have D.O. status.

I have been director for six months. I made a point of not making any changes for the first six months. But now we're going to start making changes. It is just taking way too long for applicants to become a member in the auxiliary. This frustrates the applicant and we end up losing members in the process from a reason. With that said, there are a lot of people who apply to the auxiliary who are not very good candidates for long-term. We want new members and we need them, but they must pass a security background check. These checks come back to me and I can pen and ink, make waivers. I'm not going to approve somebody who has a felony drug conviction, etc. I cannot talk to anyone about this and sometimes flotilla commanders have become upset. No, means no, when it comes to a background check been failed. When there is a question about a security clearance. The members notified and has 30 days to respond, they often ignore this. Then I have to re-contact the member, which by the time they respond, can take up to 60 - 90 days. By this time the flotilla commander gets involved. I can't discuss with him, the fact that this person has security issues in the background. If they are honest on the form and have minor infractions, I have absolutely no problem with contacting the security center myself. When a member lies in a form, I have issues with integrity. The security issues are ongoing, and this is the biggest problem we have to get through in 2010. Fingerprint technicians must have D.O. status because of the information to which they have access. We have not changed anything officially yet, but there are going to be changes.

New Business

Bill Capitan: (discussion on the use of work plans).

Each flotilla should develop a concrete member recruitment and retention plan. Personal contact is the key to keeping a members. Sending out e-mails is not adequate, make sure you see your members personally. We also have a problem in this division with getting members to take on leadership roles. We need to address this within the division and the flotillas at sometime in the future. We need to get members reading "Force 10". So I need you to see that your members receive it.

Capt. Reggie Hollar: We have some great magazines that come out, the "Navigator", the "Breeze". Send some articles and if you have an interesting patrol send an article in.

Motion to adjourn: Ted Phillips

Second motion to adjourn: Charlie Jessopp

The "Change of Watch" luncheon then followed

The meeting was adjourned

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Signed *Karen M Wilson*
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Division 10