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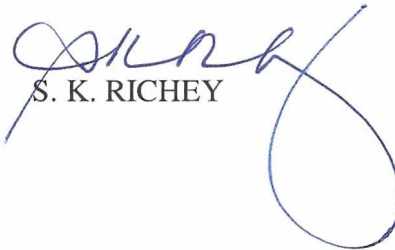
SECTOR UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER INSTRUCTION 5890.2

Subj: AUXILIARY CELLULAR TELEPHONE USE

1. PURPOSE. This instruction sets forth policy for Auxiliarists who are operating as part of boat crews within the Area of Responsibility (AOR) of Sector Upper Mississippi River (SUMR).
2. ACTION. This policy is effective immediately.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None
4. BACKGROUND. Active and reserve boat crews are prohibited from carrying cellular telephones on their working uniform while in a boat operating status. Auxiliarists have not been covered under a similar policy and in order to standardize the operating policies to reduce the potential for property loss and damage a standard cellular telephone policy is being adopted for all U. S. Coast Guard Forces; active, reserve, and Auxiliary within this AOR.
5. DISCUSSION. This policy is established to ensure that the cellular telephones used during missions will not become lost or damaged due to weather, water conditions, or actions of crewmembers.
6. PROCEDURES.
 - a. During boating operations no crewmember or person embarked aboard an Auxiliary vessel may carry a cellular telephone on their person to include in or on their uniform. Cellular telephones are encouraged for use in establishing and maintaining communications, but they should be placed aboard the vessel in a secure, dry location, and not on the person of any crewmember.
 - b. This policy is being forwarded to the District Commodore with copy to the Director of Auxiliary and Auxiliary Chief of Response. Failure to follow this instruction may result in disapproval of damage claims for damage or loss of cellular telephones during surface patrols.

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7. ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT AND IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS. Environmental considerations were examined in the development of this policy and have been determined to be not applicable.
8. FORMS/REPORTS. None



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