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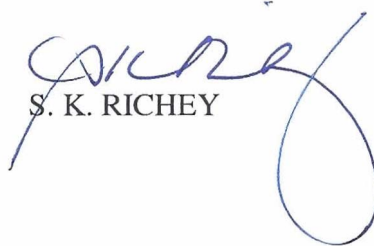
Subj: AUXILIARY COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (AUXILIARY POLICY 07-002)

1. PURPOSE. This instruction sets forth policy for how command and control of the Auxiliary will be maintained 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. Prior to the establishment of SUMR with its Command Center, some Auxiliary Division Staff Officers for Operations (SO-OP) established alternate command structures with local authorities through their 911 communications systems. These structures still exist, with SO-OPs maintaining a direct tie to local 911. emergency management authorities and receiving direct tasking through this network. While this may have been necessary in the past, it is no longer prudent and the liability issues which this situation creates are significant. The Sector UMR Command Center is the one and only Command Center within SUMR's AOR and must be used accordingly.
5. DISCUSSION. None
6. PROCEDURES.
 - a. SUMR, as Operational Commander of all U. S. Coast Guard assets; active, reserve, and Auxiliary, within its AOR, has developed a policy which standardizes all active, reserve, and Auxiliary command control functions. All emergency communications will be sent directly to the Command Center. The Command Center will make command decisions based on Coast Guard policies and established procedures. Auxiliarists are not to establish alternate command centers and are not to act as principal recipients of emergency information from local authorities, nor are they to act as principal relays of information for local authorities to the exclusion of local authorities contacting the Command Center. If an alternate command structure has been established by Auxiliarists, to include 911 communications, these are to be terminated and contact information for SUMR's Command Center will be provided to the local authorities for their future actions.
 - b. This policy is being forwarded to the District Commodore with copy to Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) and Auxiliary Chief of Response. Failure to follow this instruction may result in individual disciplinary action being requested through the DIRAUX.

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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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