

OPERATION PATRIOT READINESS III -- EXECUTION & DEPLOYMENT --

PATROL & BILLET AUGMENTATION PLANNING GUIDES

Explanation and Instructions

EXPLANATION

Operation Patriot Readiness III has, as its core theme, in-depth planning by the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. Much of this planning, and the later execution of those plans, must be done locally. This dictates joint planning by Flotilla (s) members and the local Coast Guard station. It is the local Coast Guard station and the local Flotillas that control and execute water, land, and air (working with the appropriate Coast Guard Air Station *) patrols.

In addition, there will be a greater need for the Auxiliary to staff more Coast Guard billets. Thus, as with patrols, specific planning is needed. The Coast Guard's staffing needs must be identified. Then Auxiliary billet watchstanders need to be identified, trained, and assigned.

While this has always been the case, in light of the Maritime Home Land Security (MHLS) mission, this planning and execution must reach a much higher plateau.

The Coast Guard depicts the current threat level by the use of MARSEC (Maritime Security) levels 1, 2 and 3. MARSEC 1 is the lowest level of security (it's not very low!) and has been called the "new normalcy". That is, we are always at MARSEC 1 until the threat increases to such an extent as to warrant MARSEC 2 or 3. These levels may be declared nationally, or locally, to properly respond to any threat.

MARSEC 1, for the Auxiliary, means multi-mission patrols consisting of our normal RBS activities (SAR, Safety Patrols, Pollutions, etc.) plus the traditional billet augmentation. Both of these missions need to have an added element of MHLS. The Coast Guard has identified, or is in the process of identifying; those local critical areas/sites where it wants patrol activity and billet augmentation. The local Auxiliary needs to contact the local Coast Guard stations and jointly identify just where, when, and what type of Auxiliary patrols and billet augmentation is needed. While this is mainly a Coast Guard task, it would be well for the Auxiliary to play a part. Once this site selection is done, the local Auxiliary needs to assign facilities and personnel to most effectively create these patrols and augmentation activities.

When the threat level progresses to MARSEC 2 or 3, the situation changes. While some patrols may still be multi-missioned, the overwhelming emphasis may be on MHLS. Patrol numbers and the geographic scope may drastically change as the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard surge up patrol activity to counter the threat.

Much the same will happen with billet augmentation. As Coast Guard personnel become busy with added MHLS missions, there will be a greater need for the Auxiliary to step in and staff more billets.

While it is important to conduct planning and to practice those plans under MARSEC 1, it is an absolute necessity under MARSEC 2 or 3! When we go to MARSEC 2 or 3, the local Auxiliary should immediately execute those plans already approved by the Coast Guard. There will not be time to go to the Coast Guard and ask for instructions. They will be too busy and the urgency of the situation will make that impossible.

The local Auxiliary and the Coast Guard will have well-thought-out, planned patrols and augmentation responsibilities “on the shelf” ready to go instantly! Further, these plans will be practiced (with Readiness Exercises), so that crews and billet watchstanders will be fully capable of professional performance. That is the goal!

* **AIR PATROLS:** The authorization and deployment of Auxiliary aircraft patrols is somewhat different than water and land patrols. Thus, when a local Coast Guard station has a need for Air Patrols it should request such patrols within the Coast Guard chain of command. The request will then be made to the appropriate Coast Guard Air Station.

Nevertheless, such air patrols should be an integral part of the MARSEC 1, 2 and 3 local plans and fully integrated into all drills and deployments.

INSTRUCTIONS

To assist local Auxiliary and Coast Guard personnel in accomplishing this planning, there are two Patrol Planning Guides and two Augmentation Planning Guides. These are just what they say they are, GUIDES. The local Auxiliary and Coast Guard are encouraged to modify these Guides to whatever extent necessary to assure that the goal of thoughtful joint planning, practice, and execution is achieved.

First the PATROL PLANNING GUIDES - This is a three-step process:

1. **Guide 1** - is to be completed jointly by the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard. The Guide lists those critical areas/sites and routes the Coast Guard identifies as needing Auxiliary patrols. Thus, the Coast Guard does most of the work with this Guide.
2. **Guide 2** - The Auxiliary’s responsibility is to assign specific assets (facilities and personnel) to the patrol areas in Guide 1. The assignments may be different at each MARSEC level. Indeed, at heightened levels of patrol activity, the Auxiliary may not have sufficient assets to accomplish all of the patrols the Coast Guard needs.

When this occurs it will be up to the local Auxiliary to consider importing assets from other Flotillas and/or recruit new members to broaden the local patrol areas/numbers. There is a system, AUXPAL, in OPR III to do this target recruitment. Flotillas are encouraged to become familiar with AUXPAL.

3. **Adoption of the plan** - The Auxiliary presents the patrol deployment plan to the Coast Guard. Both organizations then fine-tune the plans before adopting them.

Second, the **BILLET AUGMENTATION GUIDES** - This is a similar three-step process.

1. **Guide 1** - To be completed jointly by the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. This form, similar to the Patrol Guide 1, asks the Coast Guard to identify which billets they want the Auxiliary to augment, so completion of the Guide is mostly a Coast Guard function.
2. **Guide 2** - Again, as with the Patrol Guide 2, Augmentation Guide 2 is for the Auxiliary to identify appropriately trained Auxiliarists as watchstanders for those billets previously identified in Guide 1. Perhaps even more so than with patrols, the local Flotilla may have to target recruit and train new members as watchstanders so as to meet Coast Guard requests. AUXPAL shows how to do this.
4. **Adoption of the plan** - The Auxiliary presents the augmentation plans to the Coast Guard. Both organizations then fine-tune the plans before adopting them.

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SECURITY - There may be some security issues involved in this process. An example might be the distribution of the Guides. The Auxiliary should heed any restrictions the Coast Guard makes, as long as the security measures allow the Auxiliary to do adequate planning, assigning of assets, and executing of the plans.

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PATROL PLANNING GUIDE #1

Coast Guard's Patrol Request

Coast Guard Station:	
Flotilla #:	Location:

Date Planned: _____

MARSEC LEVEL: (Check one) 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___

CRITICAL AREAS/SITES & ROUTES:

1. _____

Frequency: 24/7___ Daily___ Weekly___ Randomly___ Other (specify) _____

2. _____

Frequency: 24/7___ Daily___ Weekly___ Randomly___ Other (specify) _____

3. _____

Frequency: 24/7___ Daily___ Weekly___ Randomly___ Other (specify) _____

4. _____

Frequency: 24/7___ Daily___ Weekly___ Randomly___ Other (specify) _____

5. _____

Frequency: 24/7___ Daily___ Weekly___ Randomly___ Other (specify) _____

(Patrol Planning Guide 2 cont)

6. _____

Frequency: 24/7___ Daily___ Weekly___ Randomly___ Other (specify) _____

7. _____

Frequency: 24/7___ Daily___ Weekly___ Randomly___ Other (specify) _____

8. _____

Frequency: 24/7___ Daily___ Weekly___ Randomly___ Other (specify) _____

9. _____

Frequency: 24/7___ Daily___ Weekly___ Randomly___ Other (specify) _____

10. _____

Frequency: 24/7___ Daily___ Weekly___ Randomly___ Other (specify) _____

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PATROL PLANNING GUIDE #2

Auxiliary Asset Allocation

(To be completed by the Auxiliary and authorized by the Coast Guard)

Coast Guard Station: _____	
Flotilla #:	Location: _____

Date Planned: _____

MARSEC LEVEL (check one): **1**___ **2**___ **3**___

Patrol Method: Water___ Air___ Land___ Other (specify)_____

Patrol Location:

Frequency/Time: _____

Start Point: _____

Route: _____

End Point: _____

Patrol Members:

Name: _____ Mem. # _____

Phone #: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name: _____ Mem. # _____

Phone #: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name: _____ Mem. # _____

Phone #: _____

E-Mail: _____

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AUGMENTATION PLANNING GUIDE #1

Coast Guard Augmentation Request

Coast Guard Station:	
Flotilla #:	Location:

Date Planned: _____

MARSEC LEVEL: (Check one) **1** _____ **2** _____ **3** _____

Billets to be Augmented:

1. _____

Location: _____

Days: M ___ T ___ W ___ Th ___ F ___ Sat ___ Sun ___

Times: _____ AM to _____ AM

_____ PM to _____ PM

2. _____

Location: _____

Days: M ___ T ___ W ___ Th ___ F ___ Sat ___ Sun ___

Times: _____ AM to _____ AM

_____ PM to _____ PM

3. _____

Location: _____

Days: M ___ T ___ W ___ Th ___ F ___ Sat ___ Sun ___

Times: _____ AM to _____ AM

_____ PM to _____ PM

4. _____

Location: _____

Days: M ___ T ___ W ___ Th ___ F ___ Sat ___ Sun ___

Times: _____ AM to _____ AM

_____ PM to _____ PM

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Auxiliary Augmentation Plan

Coast Guard Station:	
Flotilla #:	Location:

Date Planned: _____

MARSEC LEVEL: (check one) **1** ____ **2** ____ **3** ____

Coast Guard Augmentation Request # _____

Billet: _____

Location: _____

Days: M ____ T ____ W ____ Th ____ F ____ Sat ____ Sun ____

Times: _____ AM to _____ AM

_____ PM to _____ PM

Billet Watchstander:

Name:

Member #:

Phone #:

E-mail address:

Billet Watchstander:

Name:

Member #:

Phone #:

E-mail address: