

Scenarios for Readiness Drill Practice



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SUBJECT: Readiness Drill Scenarios for publication and use:

NOTE: There are two types of Drills that we practice in the USCG Auxiliary:

1. SAR Drills which respond to an emergency event.
2. READINESS Drills that practice and time our capability to respond to sensitive and security areas within our AOR under direction of local USCG for various levels of MARSEC conditions.

SCENARIO 1: READINESS drill of AUX Callout to Sensitive Site in MARSEC Level I Condition.

(Complexity Level: 1 of 5, where 5 is the most difficult and complex).

1. Each Flotilla is ordered by the local USCG or by the DCP (AUX Division Captain) to establish and organize an Emergency Readiness Task Force (ERTF), comprised of FSO-MS, FSO-OP, FSO-MT, FSO-CM, FSO-IS, VFC, FC and Division MDA Coordinator if available and any other member who is interested in Emergency Readiness. (The Division MDA Coordinator is to assist in all aspects of each Readiness Drill)
2. At the ERTF's first meeting, a Task Force Leader and a Deputy Task Force Leader is elected by the ERTF. Every ERTF members' name, position, phone numbers and email is listed in an ERTF roster, distributed to Flotilla members, DCP, VCP, MDA Division Coordinator, MDA District Coordinator and local USCG Watchstander. A copy of Emergency Response available Facilities with crew identification is also listed and sent with the ERTF roster.
3. The ERTF Leader and Deputy Leader meet with the USCG COTP (Captain of The Port) or the USCG Sector Response and Security Unit Officer or the USCG AUX FSO-MS or FSO-OP to choose one critical/sensitive site in your AOR (Area of Operation) for a MARSEC Level I Readiness Drill Exercise, a proposed date for the Readiness drill and a request for Patrol Orders.
4. A simple Readiness Drill Scenario is drafted specific to the selected local sensitive/security site, i.e., ***"On Saturday, 20 July, starting at 0900, we (Flotilla xx or Division xx) will conduct a Readiness Drill to site xxxx, leaving from individual patrol bases to site of concern, performing a detailed inspection of the site, establishing a security perimeter, then standing down to return to base. Time of Alert, Departure, Arrival at Site, Security Perimeter established, Observations at Site including Lat/Lon, Departure from Site and Facility Base Secure times are to be recorded/documented by each Patrol Coxswain and submitted to the ERTF Leader within two hours of the patrols (In emergencies, the information would be called in as developed)."***
5. On the date of the Emergency Readiness Drill, the ERTF Leader and Deputy places calls to the volunteer patrol coxswains one hour before the Readiness Drill is to start, advising the coxswains of the mission and targeted locations, including specifics of what to look for and what to do in the targeted area and confirmation of need to document and report the event as stated in the Scenario.

6. The ERTF Leader and Deputy are to compile the patrols' information within one hour after receiving the patrol reports and submit their summary via email or telephone call to their FC, the DCP, the MDA Division Coordinator, and their local USCG Watchstander with cc: to the District MDA Coordinator.
7. That afternoon or the following day, the ERTF Leader calls a "Hot Wash" meeting of all participants to review, discuss and document what went right and areas for improvement, copies to Flotilla FC, DCP, Division MDA Coordinator, USCG contacts and the District MDA Coordinator.
8. Within two months, schedule a repeat of this exact Readiness Drill to clear up any problems and opportunities for improvements in communications and times taken.