

# UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

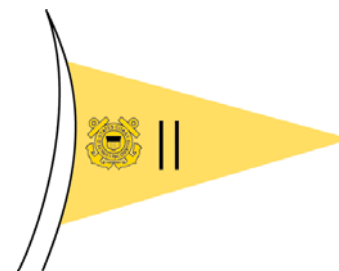
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The IS area had a good year in 2004 and we are expecting even better results in 2005.

Work is continuing with national staff to verify the accuracy of the information captured by the AUXDATA system. All entries are being periodically reviewed and any information that seems out of the ordinary as well as entries that are missing data are being referred back to the Division level for review and correction. The 8<sup>th</sup> Coastal region continued to maintain the lowest level of reported data entry errors of those referred back for correction.

This years' goals include developing an advanced training program for Flotilla and Division level IS officers to insure complete training on AUXDATA data entry. We are also planning on developing a train-the-trainer program in association with other District and National staff so that we can have AUXDATA hands-on training for all members who need it. We are also working on a complete redesign of the Auxdata.net website to make it an even more valuable tool for IS and other staff.

We also hope to concentrate on making AUXINFO a better utilized tool for our members and officers. We are working on the development of improved training materials and a larger number of "pre-set" links for commonly requested information.

I am also working with the Contingency Planning Committee to help insure that timely, accurate information is available in a time of need. AUXDATA and POMS will play a vital role in the development and execution of contingency plans within the entire Team Coast Guard family.

One of the areas of concern is the new security requirements and the resulting number of accounts that are getting "locked out" due to improper passwords and non-use. We hope that additional training as well as periodic reminders will lower the number of "account resets" that are being requested.

With more of our SO-IS and FSO-IS officers trained and experienced with AUXDATA, the accuracy of the information in the system continues to improve.

With the continued support of our dedicated SO-IS and FSO-IS officers as well as the Division and District officers and staff, 2005 will be a great year!

Respectfully submitted,

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