

## IIMS Results and Lessons Learned

Below is the list of those members who were successful in their attempt to pass the IIMS (Initial Indoctrination to Marine Safety) on 14 February 2009:

Accurso, Chuck	Pell, Roy
Adams, Elza L.	Purvis, Robert
Ashley, Byron T.	Raden, Jonathan
Brooks, Jeffrey	Rasmussen, Richard
Brunette, Thomas	Raymond, Paul
Carpenter, Susan D.	Rehwinkel, Theodore A.
Clinchy, Richard A.	Roland, William F.
Dannenberg, Frank	Seely, John J.
Davis, John	Shepard, William
Diel, Kristoffe	Simpson, George D.
Eberhardt, Richard W.	Simpson, Victor W.
Forgey, John	Sims, Marvin
Garciamenocal, Rafael	Smith, Jennifer S.
Gibson, John S.	Smith, Stanford L.
Glas, Alan R.	Steller, Larry
Guttman, David	Stevens, Duke
Hickman, Charles	Surdakowski, Robert
Jones, Edward M.	Sykes, John
Jones, Karen	Tomko, Edward
Kitchens, William J.	Trainer, Harry
Lachman, Janet	Trotter, Byron S.
Lockwood, Anne R.	Vandermate, Sharon E.
Loggins, Bobby	Waier, Curtis
Low, Curtis S.	Woods, Cecil G.
McBryde, Neal D	Young, George A.
Ohliger, Albert A.	

Congratulations to each an every member listed here.

For those of you who were not successful on your first attempt, we will be announcing arrangements where you will be able to take a repeat of the examination at an Order Issuing Authority with an Active Duty proctor. The DSO-MS will advise all Division Marine Safety Staff Officers of the plan and procedures.

While it was not a 100% smoothly executed operation, we accomplished something in District 8CR never even attempted in the past...we have 49 members listed above who have secured a critical piece of the first step up the ladder leading to the Trident. Those members will have fully ascended that rung as soon as they submit to the DSO-MS the Marine Safety Training Ribbon (MSTR) PQS form, ICS documentation, and documentation that they have passed both IMSEP and Good Mate on line.

Did your leadership learn any lessons from this effort? You bet they did. For those members who somehow had their exam sheets lost at the Coast Guard Institute, apologies have already gone out to them privately but publicly we wish to extend our apologies and tell you all that the search continues. Some other lessons learned from this effort:

- In the future, IIMS will be the only offering and members wishing to pursue the MSTR will need to arrive at the IIMS training session with the MSTR PQS sheet filled-in absent the IIMS letter from CGI, as well as having documentation for all required ICS courses (ICS 210 will now not be required till 01APR10), IMSEP, and Good Mate.
- A roster will be secured providing the name, EMPLID, and ADDRESS for each person taking the examination. Participants from 14FEB09 were to have received a letter from the Coast Guard Institute with exam results but since the only thing on our examinations was name, EMPLID, and CGAux, all of the results went back to Mr. Bush and LT Caskey. In the future, results will go directly to the member. For those who took the examination at the Winter Conference, the letters have been picked-up by our OTO and he will send those out as soon as member addresses can be synchronized with names and EMPLIDs. For those who were not successful, we in the Auxiliary can be proud since of those who did not qualify, five missed passing the test by one question and seven others missed it by two questions only. The Auxiliary trail-blazers accomplished an outcome that surpassed the normal Active Duty passing percentages.
- No ribbons or certificates will be given out to anyone prematurely. Instead, with the arrangement indicated above, the DSO-MS will have all the requirements in-hand for the MSTR PQS except for the IIMS exam results. When a member gets a letter indicating that s/he has passed the IIMS exam, a copy of that will need to be sent to the DSO-MS. From that point forward, awarding of the ribbon and certificate will follow the normal process for new qualifications.
- Study material for the IIMS examination is being posted to the District 8CR web site at the same time this notice is being posted.
- We expect to offer IIMS once again at the Fall Conference in Dallas and are exploring some "Road Shows" – more details at a later date.

This has been a great learning experience for your leadership and all of you who participated can be commended for taking part in this pioneering effort! We have taken a giant leap forward in strengthening the Marine Safety/Environmental Protection support provided to our Sectors.

Semper Paratus!