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MEMORANDUM

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Subj: D8 AUXILIARY AVIATION SQUADRON CONCEPT

Ref: (a) Air Station New Orleans Memo 16798 of 20 Nov 03
(b) COMDT (G-CCS) 041706Z JUN 03
(c) 22 July 2004 conference call between A/S New Orleans Operations Officer, D8WR District Director of Auxiliary (DirAux), D8CR DirAux, Aux Ops Deputy Department Chief, Aux Air Ops Division Chief and G-OCX-2

1. ISSUE: The Coast Guard Auxiliary Air Program in Eighth District Western and Eastern Regions is currently without complete Air Station oversight. AIRSTA New Orleans has recommended a modified Auxiliary Air Squadron Concept, ref (a) designed to meet the spirit of ref (b) taking into account the Eighth District's geographic expanse and lack of inland active duty air stations.

2. The following modified "Squadron Concept" is approved, as discussed in ref (c) and with G-OCA and G-WKS-1, and should be implemented as soon as possible:

- a. As per ref (b) Air Station New Orleans shall maintain order-issuing authority (OIA) for the Auxiliary aviation program within the three D8 regions, Eastern, Western and Coastal. Air Station New Orleans may issue "By Direction" authority in writing to the applicable director of Auxiliary in D8ER and D8WR, however ultimate operational oversight remains with Air Station New Orleans.
- b. Air Station New Orleans shall maintain oversight over the entire Auxiliary aviation program for D8 ER and WR. This shall include but not be limited to risk assessment and management oversight, specialized training for the DSO-AVs, ADSO-AAC and DFSOs (discussed below) and oversight of the monthly Auxiliary flight schedule for these regions.
- c. Air Station New Orleans shall coordinate the conduct of special training for the DSO-AV, ADSO-AAC and DFSO for each region to include advanced CRM/ORM, advanced aviation weather, flight services, etc.

- d. The appropriate DirAux shall review the monthly Auxiliary flight schedule and verify validity of scheduled missions. Individual missions can be scheduled by the DSO-AV, ADSO-AAC or DFSO as delegated in writing by the Air Station New Orleans Commanding Officer, and shall be approved by the DirAux before the date of the mission. The regional flight schedule should be sent to Air Station New Orleans prior to the date of the mission for flight schedule inclusion.
- e. Individual Auxiliary pilots in command (PIC) must complete, along with the crew, the Auxiliary Risk Assessment Matrix during initial flight planning and shall continue to reevaluate risk as conditions change. At anytime the results of the matrix exceed the “low risk” threshold, the Auxiliary PIC shall contact their DSO-AV, assigned ADSO-AAC or DFSO who will in turn review the matrix with the Air Station New Orleans operations officer. In this situation, Air Station New Orleans will be responsible for providing “go, no-go” guidance. Note: In this Memo where special tasking, training or privilege is assigned to the DSO-AV, ADSO-AAC and the DFSO, the DSO-AV shall serve as the primary.

3. I believe establishing the program as outlined above meets the spirit of the “squadron concept” and will continue to increase the safety and operational oversight of the Auxiliary aviation program.

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Enclosure: Auxiliary Risk Assessment Matrix

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