

AUXILIARY SEARCH, COORDINATION, AND EXECUTION (AUXSC&E) TRAINING POLICY

1. Background: For many years, the Auxiliary Search and Rescue (AUXSAR) specialty course had outdated information and extraneous material (e.g. - search planning elements) that was much more pertinent for active duty Coast Guard members (e.g. – command center controllers) instead of Auxiliary operators. With this in mind, the National Search and Rescue School at Training Center Yorktown re-designed the course and arranged to train an initial cadre of Auxiliary instructors in late FY07. The new course was re-designed and re-titled Auxiliary Search, Coordination, and Execution (AUXSC&E).

This is the first case in which an Auxiliary specialty course is meant to be delivered by specially trained instructors who are specifically knowledgeable of the material, the method of its instruction, and the operations that it supports. Accordingly, its deployment throughout Auxiliary applications will be closely monitored and assessed by the Auxiliary Division (CG-5421), the Auxiliary Department of Training, and the National SAR School in the course of the next few years.

2. Status: The AUXSC&E course replaces the AUXSAR course. AUXSC&E is the course title, but successful completion of the AUXSC&E course shall continue to be entered in AUXDATA under the AUXSAR task as a requirement for the AUXOP device and as AUXSC&E Train-the-Trainer for instructors.

Only Auxiliarists who meet certain criteria (see paragraph 3 below) may serve as lead instructors and teach the AUXSC&E course (i.e. - serve as AUXSC&E Instructors). An AUXSC&E Instructor competency, distinct from the Auxiliary Instructor (IT) competency, is being designed for AUXDATA capture in 2008. This competency will be predicated on tasks that reflect the criteria in paragraph 3. Until that competency is established, Auxiliarists who meet the criteria shall be recognized as such with an AUXDATA entry in the following task: SCETT - SEARCH COORD & EXECUTION TRAIN-THE-TRAINER COURSE.

3. Training:

The AUXSC&E course is designed to be taught at the flotilla level over a period of four (4) day-long training sessions, or the equivalent thereof. AUXSC&E requires the 13218 chart for proper instruction and practical exercises. This chart will be stocked at the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC). No other charts may be substituted for this course without the specific approval of DC-T. Any approved substitute charts may not be ordered from the ANSC. Other course materials (e.g. – student guide / instructor guide CDs and manuals, exams) will also be stocked or printed to order at ANSC. No other materials may be substituted for this course. Failure to use prescribed course materials shall constitute grounds for nullification of successful course completion. Minimum paper-based material required for each course is the Student Guide, Coast

Guard Addendum and chart - all other material may be on a CD. Orders for materials should be placed only for those students truly committed to successfully passing this course. Materials costs are rising and future stock limitations could occur. Auxiliary instructors for this course must order course materials through the Auxiliary FSO-MAs and Flotilla Commanders, who will order the materials from the ANSC.

In order to teach the AUXSC&E course, the lead Auxiliary instructor must meet the following criteria (i.e. – have them reflected in AUXDATA as completed tasks for the future AUXSC&E Instructor competency described in paragraph 2 above):

A. Successfully complete the AUXSC&E Train-the-Trainer course as delivered either by the National SAR School or by an Auxiliarist who has successfully completed the Train-the-Trainer program;

B. Successfully complete the AUXSC&E course (this is part of the Train-the-Trainer course);

C. Is current in their qualification as an Auxiliary instructor (IT); and,

D. Is current in their qualification as an Auxiliary coxswain, boat crew member, pilot (at any level), or air crew member. This criterion may be waived by the DIRAUX, in consultation with the DCO, but the member must have been current in the last five (5) years if they are to serve as the lead instructor. Assistant instructors do not have to meet this specific requirement.

Additionally any current member of the National SAR School may teach this course as requested or to meet the needs of the Auxiliary.

Successful completion of the AUXNAV course is strongly recommended for attending this course. This is an intense course of study and practice in navigation, and a strong background in navigation is necessary for successful completion. Anyone weak in the area of navigation is strongly discouraged from taking this course.

4. Testing:

In order to successfully complete the AUXSC&E course, a student must pass an administered two-part end-of-course exam (written textual section and a charting section). Being that the active duty Coast Guard SC&E exam is open book so shall the AUXSC&E exam be open book. It is important for students to know where the information is located in the CG Addendum. Both parts shall be taken by each student individually, not as a group effort. A minimum grade of 80% on both parts of the exam must be achieved in order to pass. The written test will be allotted 60 minutes and the practical test (the charting portion) will be allotted 2.5 hours. An on-line version of the exam is under development.

Alternatively, a student may directly challenge the end-of-course exam. If the student receives passing scores, then the student will receive credit for successful course completion.

The AUXSC&E Instructor shall administer and grade end-of-course exams. A summary of course completions shall be forwarded along with the exam sheets to the respective DIRAUX office for appropriate AUXDATA entries. Attempts to pass this course are limited to not more than 5 times in a 30-day time frame. Attempts to pass the exam are at the discretion of the test administrator.

5. Certificates:

Certificates shall be issued for both successful completion of the AUXSC&E Train-the-Trainer course and the AUXSC&E course itself. A third related certificate will be issued for achieving the qualification / competency as an AUXSC&E Instructor.

The National SAR School will provide an electronic certificate template for successful completion of the AUXSC&E Train-the-Trainer course to DIRAUX offices. These certificates shall be signed by the appropriate DIRAUX and issued to Auxiliarists who successfully complete the course.

Certificates for students who complete the AUXSC&E course (i.e. – Search and Rescue Specialist) shall be signed by the appropriate DIRAUX.