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DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY FIRST SOUTHERN REGION INSTRUCTION 16798.6

Subj: PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION (OPSEC-OPERATIONS
SECURITY)

1. PURPOSE. To define policy and procedures for District One, Southern Region Auxiliarists to ensure they do not inadvertently pass sensitive information to persons who do not have a need-to-know.
2. ACTION. All Auxiliarists in the First Coast Guard District, Southern Region shall comply with the contents of this Directive.
3. DISCUSSION. During the course of providing service to the Active Duty Coast Guard, Auxiliarists may come into contact with information that, although not classified, is sensitive in nature and its release to the public may cause harm to ongoing missions and operations. It is imperative that discussion concerning this type of information be limited to those members with a need to know. Caution should be used when discussing sensitive information in public, especially at Division and Flotilla meetings where both visitors and other Auxiliarists may be in attendance who do not have a genuine need-to-know. Need-to-know is never based solely upon the fact that the Auxiliarist was elected or appointed to a position, or the fact that the member is in the Auxiliary. If there are any doubts whether information is sensitive, assume it to be so until told otherwise by cognizant Coast Guard personnel. This information includes, but is not limited to:
 - Current Coast Guard Law Enforcement, Marine Domain Awareness, and Marine Protection missions.
 - The status of local Coast Guard forces.
 - Cutter schedules (arrival and departure info), status, and missions.
 - The status of Auxiliary forces.
 - Auxiliary patrol schedules, including times and frequency of patrols, conduct and routes to be used, and special instructions received from Order Issuing Authorities.
 - Current funding issues.
 - Code names used by local Coast Guard commands.
 - Any information that could cause harm to the Coast Guard's mission.
 - MARSEC conditions and their requirements.

- Information contained in Operational Plans.
- Movement of Naval vessels.
- Information relating to personnel security training.

5. RESPONSIBILITY. The Director will make changes to this Directive as needed.



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