

## MS PREVENTION STEP BY STEP PROCEDURE GUIDE

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**National Auxiliary Web site At:** <http://www.cgaux.org/>

**Select departments "PREVENTION" at:**  
<http://www.pdept.cgaux.org/>

### Marine Safety Prevention (P)

#### **Prevention department overview:**

The USCG Auxiliary's Prevention Department is responsible for the planning and administration of Auxiliary programs to support and augment the United States Coast Guard's Prevention Directorate. This support includes, but is not limited to, *support for marine environmental response assistance, port safety and security inspections, commercial vessel safety and security inspections (UTV, UPV, CFVE and other Foreign and Domestic Vessels) container inspection assistance, mariner licensing/documentation/course audits, public affairs, area contingency planning, waterways management, America's Waterways Watch, MISLE support, and environmental education.*

As such we assist and augment the Coast Guard's vital role as the nation's guardian agency ensuring the safety and environmental protection of our nations precious waterway resources. As America's Volunteer Guardians, we are committed to be dedicated, vigilant, and ready to engage this mission on behalf of our fellow citizens.

#### **There are five (5) departments within this doctorate and they are:**

- 1. Communication and Education division** - The Communication & Education Division handles new projects, communication, performance analysis, training and general support for the staff within the "M" Department.
- 2. Navigation Systems division** - If you are interested in our ATON, PATON, CU-Chart Updating, SCF-Small Craft Facility Updating, and BAC-Bridge Administration Program, welcome aboard!
- 3. Port and Facility Activities division** - This Division includes Marine Safety and Security, Facility Safety and Security, Container Inspections, Special Projects and Regional Exam Center Support.

4. **Prevention Outreach division** - This Division is responsible for Auxiliary support of America's Waterway Watch, Aquatic Nuisance Species and Sea Partners, including: Clean Boating Practices, Marine Debris, Small Spills and Education.

5. **Vessel Activities division** - This division is responsible for Auxiliary support of commercial vessel safety and security inspections (Un-inspected Towing vessels (UTV), Un-inspected Passenger vessels (UPV), Commercial Fishing vessels (CFV) and other Foreign and Domestic Vessels).

## The Trident Program

### *An Auxiliary Program for Direct Support and Augmentation*

### Marine Safety Training Ribbon (MSTR)

The Marine Safety Training Ribbon is not a requirement for the Auxiliary Trident Program but all requirements to earn this award are required to be completed prior to applying for the actual Trident Award. The award of this ribbon is itself an accomplishment, and tells your fellow Auxiliaries that you have made a significant commitment to the Auxiliary and the Marine Safety Field. At this time (January 2009), automatic posting into AUXDATA is not available so you will have to apply for the award after you have completed the required course work.

As the Trident program is expanding the requirements for the program do not remain static. As of March 2009 the following are requirements for the Marine Safety Training Ribbon (MSTR).

**Go to District website at:** <http://www.d1south.org/pages/home.php>

Under Department quick link select MS (Marine Safety Department) at:  
<http://www.d1south.org/StaffPages/DSO-MS.php>

Scroll down to "Links" and select Trident Information at:  
<http://www.d1south.org/StaffPages/DSO-MS-Trident.php>

Scroll down to Trident Information and select "MS Training ribbon" at:  
<http://pdept.cgaux.org/MarineSafetyTrainingRibbon.htm>

Completion of Good Mate Course (E-Learn Course)



Completion of Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (E-Train Course)

Note: Effective 01 OCT 2010 a new IMSEP was put in place. Taking the post 01OCT2010 version of IMSEP not only waives the requirement for completing IIMS listed below, but also counts as two credits towards the 7 required for the AUXOP Award.

[IMSEP Study Materials](#)

[Take IMSEP Test](#)

Completion of Incident Command System Introductory Course (ICS 100 - FEMA)

[ICS 100 Course](#)

Completion of Incident Command System for Single Resource (ICS200 - FEMA)

[ICS 200 Course](#)

Completion of Incident Command System NIMS an Introduction (ICS700 - FEMA)

[ICS 700 Course](#)

Completion of Incident Command System NRF an Introduction (ICS800 - FEMA)

[ICS 800 Course](#)

Completion of Incident Command System (ICS210) Must be taught by USCG certified Instructors. (4 Hours)

- or -

Completion of Incident Command System NIMS Intermediate (ICS300 - FEMA) Must be taught by FEMA Certified Instructors (3 Days)

***Contact you FSO-MT to find a course near you***

Completion of Initial Indoctrination to Marine Safety (IIMS) Test must be given, proctored by USCG Active Duty, unless completion of the new IMSEP course (01OCT2010) is accomplished.

[IIMS Study Materials](#)

**Note:** There is one possible requirement/pre-requisite for Trident that is NOT a requirement for the MSTR, obtaining a satisfactory PSI for a Direct Operations (DO) Clearance. This is determined by the specific requirements for the specific qualifications (PQS) you will be working on.

[Link to Security Forms site](#)

After you have completed the requirements for the Marine Safety Training Ribbon complete the application and send it to your DSO-MS for completion. If you need help with the training, work with your FSO-MS and/or FSO-MT for assistance.

[Download Application](#)

**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Marine Safety Training Ribbon Application and Check-off Sheet**

**1. Personal Information:**

Last Name, First, MI \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Number \_\_\_\_\_

Member District – Division - Flotilla \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Documentation of completion of Trident training program:**

Course Date Completed w/attached copies of course completion documents

Introduction to Marine Safety (IMSEP) \_\_\_\_\_

Good Mate Manual and Course \_\_\_\_\_

Incident Command System (ICS 100) \_\_\_\_\_

Incident Command System (ICS 200) \_\_\_\_\_

Incident Command System (ICS 210 OR ICS 300) \_\_\_\_\_

National Incident Management System (IS 700) \_\_\_\_\_

Introduction to the National Response Plan (IS 800) \_\_\_\_\_

Initial Indoctrination to Marine Safety (IIMS) \_\_\_\_\_

***(IIMS is not required if IMSEP test completed after Oct 1st 2010)***

**3. DSO-MS Endorsement:**

“I have reviewed the information provided. It is complete and accurate. I recommend issuance of the Auxiliary Marine Safety Training Ribbon.”

Name of DSO-MS: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. APPROVAL by DIRAUX**

DIRAUX signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This form is to be completed by the member and is a part of the Application. DSO-MS shall review and endorse and, if found satisfactory, forward to DIRAUX, Attn: OTO, for APPROVAL and entry in Member’s Record and processing of the award.

For information about the “Trident device” go to the National web site at:  
<http://pdept.cgaux.org/TridentProgram.htm>

# **The Trident Program**

## ***An Auxiliary Program for Direct Support and Augmentation***

### **Trident Specialties (What you can do)**

Becoming qualified to wear the Marine Safety Device is independent of actual assignment to a position covered by one or more of the current 27 specialties that make up Trident Qualifications. An Auxiliarist could conceivably meet this requirement, and maintain the right to wear the device whether or not they are currently assigned to work with the Coast Guard in any of the associated specialties. In short, the Trident Marine Safety Device is awarded in recognition of the knowledge and skills the Auxiliarist has attained in the area of marine safety. The same standard as the US Coast Guard awards the device to Active Duty and Reserve members. The Auxiliarist is not a "free agent," and the services subsequently provided, or not provided, are determined by the Coast Guard and the particular local marine safety unit the Auxiliarist serves with. Each of the current Trident Marine Safety Specialties are on the [learning portal](#). Remember, Trident is an On the Job Training program. You don't get the qualification by taking a test, you get the qualification by demonstrating to your verifying officer you have the expertise for doing the job. In fact the Active Duty Personnel in the Marine Safety and Prevention Departments throughout the Coast Guard take a great deal of pride in those Auxiliarists Augmenting their units who have achieved this award. They may not understand the AuxOp device, or other Auxiliary awards, but they do understand recognize and appreciate this award. It takes a great deal of dedication to obtain the Trident, and each person striking for it will have their own reason for doing it.

While the Coast Guard will expend its limited resources to get an Auxiliarist trained, it has a reasonable expectation that it will gain a committed member willing to serve for the long term. While many Auxiliarists may be eager and willing to travel at their own expense to obtain the qualification, they may not be so willing to do so on a regular basis to serve. When you obtain a qualification you are making a commitment to augment a unit on a regular basis. That in itself can be its own reward, but it is not necessarily for the majority of our fellow Auxiliarists. This author serves on a regular basis with an active unit, and finds great personal satisfaction in the augmenting and assisting the local unit. The greatest rewards to me are not in any tangible things that one might receive, but in the close working relationship, camaraderie, and knowing that in some small way I am contributing to the mission of the USCG.

The current specialties covered by the Trident Program are listed on the [United States Coast Guard Learning Portal](#). There each PQS available can be downloaded from that site. Additionally, each PQS contains is a bibliography of information resources you will probably need to obtain that qualification, and prerequisites to start the PQS. They are no longer kept on an Auxiliary Web Site, as the Coast Guard will ensure that the PQS document is kept up to date for meeting the requirements of each specialty, and currency to its mission.

**PQS Map** Download a Map in PDF format to help you find the PQS's on learning.uscg.mil

**AUX-ACP** The Assistant Contingency Planner (Formerly Assistant Contingency Preparedness Specialist) has an extensive bibliography and so links where possible are provided. Because of the depth and breadth of required reading on so many varied these links may disappear. It is an almost impossible job to keep up with it, and documents may disappear behind DOD or USCGNet secure websites. Consult your verifying officer if this happens to obtain copies of the materials. **Two Trident Specialties are Auxiliary only and do not require approval from a Gold Side Unit. These can be found on the Coast Guard Learning Portal, but may be downloaded from this site. Each District may have additional qualification requirements, check with your local MS Chain of Leadership to verify PQS Requirements**

**AUX-MEES** Prevention Outreach Specialist (Formerly Marine Environmental Education Specialist)

**AUX-MSAM** Marine Safety Administrative & Management Specialist

## Shipmate Advice:

**ALCOAST 045/10**

Effective 28 Jan 2010 the Trident specialties have been brought more into alignment with the active duty Personal Qualification Standards (PQS) that are used to qualify for the Active Duty Trident Award (M-PRO). These changes are outlined in ALCOAST 045/10, and specific changes to the Auxiliary program are effective immediately.

As stated in the ALCOAST item 4 those Auxiliarists who previously qualified in any of the revised qualifications are not required to re-qualify with the revised PQS. Members pursuing legacy qualifications must complete the certifications no later than 28 APR 2010 after which time those Auxiliarists who cannot qualify with the legacy PQS (i.e. be awarded a signed Letter of Designation (LOD) from the Unit Commander must complete the Revised PQS.

Per ITEM 6 effective 28 APR 2010 AUX-EK and AUX-MSW qualifications will be cancelled to align with commensurate changes in the Active Duty side. Qualifications awarded prior to 28 APR 2010 based upon the date of the LOD will continue to count toward the Auxiliary Trident Device although not currently active.

**Download Application**

Note the requirements for the Trident Award are constantly evolving. Verify minimum requirements on the current Trident Application Form.

Note: Effective Sep 2010 the augmentation requirement to obtain the Trident Award has been increased to 96 Hours per year for 5 years for applications submitted after Sep 2010.

[Download TB005](#)

There are currently, as of January 2010 27 specialties from which you may select to qualify for your Trident device. Step by step instructions on the application process for the Marine Safety Device are contained in Trident Update Bulletin 005 (TB005), and the getting started page.

[Download TB008](#)

Provisions for a "Conditional Award" of the Marine Safety Device for Auxiliarists who have met all requirements except the five years of service are contained in Trident Update Bulletin 008 (TB008). Auxiliarists who have been awarded a conditional Trident award prior to September 2010 are grandfathered into the four years of service requirement to be awarded permanent status. Conditional awards dated after September 2010 are required to meet a 5 year service prior to being converted to a permanent award.

[Download TB010](#)

However, to initially qualify in any of the specialties, an Auxiliarist must not only meet the published PQS requirements for the specialty, but also with any other requirements set by the particular unit taking on the responsibility of signing off on each PQS, and, as mentioned previously, which are determined by the unit as meeting its needs.

## Trident PQS Application Form

Please fill out the application form completely. Do not leave any blanks. Attach copies of documentation for any courses completed. Please sign and date the application and mail to: Judi DiMaio, 344 Hamilton Street, Rahway, NJ 07065. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division/Flotilla: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emplid: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_

MS courses completed

Date completed (attach copies)

Good Mate	_____
Introduction to Marine Safety	_____
Initial Indoctrination to Marine Safety	_____
ICS 100	_____
ICS 200	_____
ICS 210 OR ICS 300	_____
ICS 700 (NIMS)	_____
ICS 800 (NRP)	_____

Number of Marine Safety hours logged in 2008: \_\_\_\_\_ YTD 2009:  
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Please list any Marine Safety related experience that you have that would be helpful for this program.

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PQS I am interested in training in:

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Reasons for your interest in the Trident program/this PQS:

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Time available for training: please circle any that apply

Weekdays during the day: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday  
Friday

Weekdays in the evening: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday  
Friday

Weekends during the day: Saturday Sunday

Unit I will be working with:

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Please keep in mind that the training for Trident PQS's is lengthy. Becoming involved in this program is a long-term commitment. The Trident device is a **provisional** award for a period of five years. Training is done according to the availability of the active duty Coast Guard. Training for each PQS may take many months and involves both classroom and on-the-job training. There may be specific physical requirements as part of a PQS. Once a PQS is completed, you will be required to conduct \_\_\_\_\_ hours for the unit in that area.

***PQS's are only available based on the mission support needs and discretion of the local command. PQS's may be added or discontinued at any time by the local command.***

I understand the demands of this program and am committed to meeting them.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
\_\_\_\_\_

I recommend this person for training in the above PQS.

Flotilla/Division Commander's signature:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_