



DIVISION 5, 8ER - TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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Communications Guard For Facility(s) Under Patrol Orders (Ref. SOHV Instruction M16790.1 – Standard Operating Procedures)

Comms Guard - General

1. When there are two or more facilities on patrol orders, Comms Guard shall be designated by the SO-OP or in the SO-OP absence a person designated by DCDR/VCDR. If only one vessel is on patrol, the Sector Command Center will act as Comms Guard.
2. Comms Guard shall record all communications into the record logbook.
3. Comms Guard shall contact Sector Command Center via VHF-FM Marine Ch 16 or via telephone at 1-800-253-7465 or 1-502-779-5400. If the area of patrol is out of contact range via radio or cell phone service, a land or mobile comms facility shall be used in place of above. Calls to Sector shall be made for these patrol events (See Logging Requirements):
 - a. Prior to underway –
 - b. When the patrol is terminated
 - c. If a marine emergency arises while on patrol

Comms Guard – Logging Requirements

4. For routine patrols:
 - a. Facility radio identity and length of facility
 - b. POB - Number of persons on board including non-crew e.g. trainees
 - c. Endurance
 - d. GAR score
 - e. Location and time of initiating underway
 - f. Log every hour the facility position, operational status, and direction headed
 - g. Log when patrol facility has completed its patrol and is no longer underway.
5. For response patrols – same as routine patrols with the addition of the following:
 - a. Log when facility is on scene, the situation on scene, and when they depart the scene
 - b. When the facility returns to shore after the response is complete.
6. Radio log entries are required throughout the entire event.
7. Radio log forms will be provided by the SO-CM before the event and are self explanatory. Logs shall be legible enough to be read by others during and after the event.
8. Radio log forms shall be given to SO-OP after the event and kept for 1 year.

Lost Communication Procedures

9. If the patrol facility fails to respond or check in to the Comms Guard within 65 minutes of last check in.
 - a. the Comms guard shall immediately inform SECTOR of the communications failure. The Comms Guard will inform the Sector Command Center of the situation providing the last known location, direction headed, and time of last contact for the facility. (available from the Comms Guard log) After communications of the situation to SECTOR the Comms Guard should notify the Division SO-OP as well as DCDR of the situation.
 - b. Sector may initiate callouts, dispatch civil or CG resources to commence a search.
10. Comms Guard will remain vigilant, avail themselves to Sector, and follow the direction of the CG or Division's SO-OP.



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Radio Frequency Usage

11. Initial communications to SOHV on marine CH 16, and then shift to CH 83A (or other CH) at the direction of the CG. CH 83A will be the primary USCGAUX working frequency while patrols are underway.
12. CH 22A shall be used as a communication channel with civilian vessels.
13. CH 23A shall be used as a communication channel with CG units.
14. Aux Vessels call signs are six characters as assigned by DIRAUX on the facility offer for use form.
15. Aux Fixed Radio Facilities call signs geographical call sign as assigned by DIRAUX.