Section C. Districts/Regions

Introduction

The district is the next higher administrative organizational level above the division. It may be sub-divided into two or more regions. Each district/region may be sub-divided into two or more geographical sub-areas that are covered by a whole number of divisions. The district level of administration contains the EXCOM, presided over by the DCO in close coordination with the Director. The district provides administrative training, communication, and supervisory support of divisions and promotes National policy. Each district/region is led and managed by a DCO.

C.1. District Chief of Staff (DCOS)

Each district/region shall have one DCOS. The DCOS is second to the DCO, supervises the District Staff Officers (DSOs) and District Directorate Chiefs (DDC), oversees the administration and management of district/regional Auxiliary programs, and, when directed, acts for and on behalf of the DCO in linkage to the district/regional Coast Guard. Duties and responsibilities of the DCOS shall be consistent with provisions of district/regional Standing Rules and this Manual, and shall be in accordance with specific functions as defined by the NACO or designated representative.

C.2. District Captain (DCAPT)

Each district/region must have a minimum of two DCAPTs, except Districts 14 and 17 that may have a minimum of one DCAPT. DCAPTs may be assigned specific geographical areas of responsibility, or they may be assigned specific program areas of responsibility, or some locally devised combination of the two. Area staff officers are not authorized.

DCAPTs report to the DCO and supervise Division Commanders (DCDR) and Auxiliary Sector Coordinators (ASC) within their respective geographic or specific program areas of responsibility. Duties and responsibilities of the DCAPT shall be consistent with provisions of district/regional Standing Rules and this Manual, and shall be in accordance with specific functions as defined by the DCO. The DCAPT shall ensure effective communication and coordination between all Auxiliary and Coast Guard units within their area of responsibility. AUCs, as appointed by the DCO, shall work closely with and assist the DCAPT in achieving this objective.

C.3. District Directorate Chief (DDC)	If determined to be appropriate for the region, the DCO may appoint, with Director concurrence, three DDCs to oversee, coordinate, and support district/regional departments and programs. DDCs report to the DCOS and supervise District Staff Officers (DSO) within their respective program areas of responsibility. Duties and responsibilities of each DDC shall be consistent with provisions of district/regional Standing Rules and this Manual, and shall be in accordance with specific functions as defined by the DCO or designated representative. DDCs are authorized to wear the same insignia as a DVC. DDCs are identified as follows along with corresponding DSO assignments (as authorized and described in paragraph G.13 of this chapter) to their respective directorates: a. District Directorate Chief – Logistics (DDC-L): DSO-CS, DSO-IS, DSO-HR, DSO-MA, DSO-PB, and DSO-SR. b. District Directorate Chief – Prevention (DDC-P): DSO-MT, DSO-NS, DSO-PA, DSO-PE, DSO-PV, DSO-VE, DSO-MS, and DSO-SL. c. District Directorate Chief – Response (DDC-R): DSO-AV, DSO-CM, and DSO-OP. The Redacted content per Presidential Executive Order No.14151, DSO-FN, DSO-LP, and DFSO may organizationally report to the DCO, DCOS, or a DDC as district/regional needs dictate.
C.4. District Planner (D-PL)	The DCO may appoint, with Director concurrence, a District Planner (D-PL). The D-PL shall report to the DCO and maintain liaison with Coast Guard district planning counterparts and regional Auxiliary program managers to effectively develop and coordinate regional planning as an integral part of regional program execution. Authorized insignia for this appointed position shall be the same as that for a DSO.
C.5. District Staff Officer (DSO)	The DCO appoints, with Director concurrence, DSOs and assistants (ADSOs) to manage district/regional departments and programs.
C.6. Unit Disestablishment	The District Board may be asked to conduct hearings and make recommendations to the Director on requests for a unit's disestablishment.
C.7. Past Division Commanders Association (PDCA)	The District Commander may authorize a PDCA where such an association can be of district/regional benefit. The association's president (PPDCA) may be allowed a vote on the District Board provided the DCO and the Director have approved the association's Standing Rules and attendant bylaws. Further, the district/regional Standing Rules must authorize such a vote.

C.8. Geographical Boundaries	Geographical boundaries are determined as follows:
C.8.a. District	Geographical limits of the districts are for administrative purposes only. Auxiliary districts are aligned with Coast Guard districts. Due to geographical and/or membership issues, districts may be further sub-divided into regions so as to enhance the relationship and oversight between the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary. Auxiliary district boundaries are determined by Commandant based on recommendations/requests from the impacted District Commanders.
C.8.b. Region	Geographical limits of a region are for administrative purposes and are assigned by the District Commander.
C.9. Administration	Administration at the district/regional level is in accordance with a combination of the Auxiliary district/regional Standing Rules and applicable district/regional policy as written into district/regional directives. Coast Guard district policy shall always supersede Auxiliary Standing Rules.