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## MEMORANDUM

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Subj: DISTRICT APPROVED AUXILIARY RADIO FACILITY CALL SIGN PLAN

Ref: (a) Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual, COMDTINST 16798.3(series)

1. This Memo provides the definition of the District Approved Call Sign Plan for Auxiliary radio facilities, as called for in reference (a).
2. D1 (NR) Auxiliary radio facilities shall be assigned an alphanumeric radio call sign that is unique overall to that facility (transportable facilities are assigned call signs only for the duration of their deployment orders).
3. The radio call signs described here would be prefixed by "COAST GUARD AUXILIARY". After initial radio contact, and only if operationally appropriate, this prefix may be omitted.
4. For fixed land radio facilities, the call sign is normally the name of the town or city where the facility is located (example: SALEM). If there is an existing facility with that name as a call sign, subsequent facilities add a numeric suffix starting with the digit 1 (example: SALEM 2). If the town or city name is in use by an existing facility, but the new facility is located in same name town or city but in a different state, an alternate call sign will be assigned at the DIRAUX choice (perhaps based on street address of the new facility). If the fixed land radio facility owner so requests, a call sign based on a commonly known local geographic location may be assigned (example: PLUM ISLAND). Selection of call sign for a unit-owned fixed land facility is at DIRAUX choice, but would normally be based on the unit name or common geographic location. Reference (a) contains additional guidance or restrictions on fixed land call sign assignment.
5. For land mobile radio facilities, the call sign is the name of the town or city where the land mobile facility primary owner resides, followed by the word "MOBILE", followed by the primary owner's Auxiliary Division number, followed by an alphabetic suffix. The suffixes (within a division) are assigned starting with "A", working through "Z", then restarting at "AA", "AB", etc. An example land mobile radio facility call sign would then be GLOUCESTER MOBILE 3A. The suffix letters I, O, and Q will be skipped due to written confusion with digits. After initial radio contact, a shortened call sign with just the word "MOBILE" and suffix may be used if operationally appropriate.
6. Transportable radio facilities are a form of temporary fixed land facility. Assignment of a call sign is at DIRAUX choice. Assignment of call signs for such stations will often be driven by tactical choice, based on the event that triggered the facility deployment.

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7. As provided for in reference (a), authorized short term events may use temporary or tactical call signs for radio facilities. To avoid confusion, any assignment or use of such call signs shall not be in conflict with the call sign plan provided here. Any other local assignment of call signs for Auxiliary radio facilities is not authorized.
8. Call signs used with High Frequency (HF) equipment (which need to be internationally unique, and by treaty be assigned to the United States) will be assigned by the authority authorizing the HF frequency usage. [Acceptance by the DIRAUX of a radio facility with HF equipment does not by itself constitute HF frequency usage authorization.]
9. Internet release of this memo is authorized.

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