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Emergency Cell Phone Usage - **CORRECTION**

The *CG still works with the three major Alaskan cellular carriers: ACS, GCI and Cellular One when used in Alaska.

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C-School Opportunities

AUX-04

The AUX-04 course is a completely revamped USCG Auxiliary C-School intended to provide introduction in the use of current media systems in electronic presentation and web based technologies. The course is not designed nor appropriate for advanced or professional users. Students will learn about the application of Internet and multimedia technologies for Auxiliary activities including communication services, member training, public education, and public affairs. The classroom based training involves the use of computers and the development of two projects; one multimedia presentation and one web site. **These skills will be utilized when the student returns to their local unit.**

May 3-7, Kodiak AK
Jun 7-11, 2007, CG Academy – Class Full
Jul 12-16, 2007, TRACEN Yorktown VA
Sep 20-24, 2007, ISC Alameda CA

AUX-10

This program is designed to provide district, division and flotilla information systems personnel with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to exercise responsibility for all matters pertaining to the collection, recording, and forwarding of the flotilla's AUXDATA information, and keep members informed of all developments in this area. Report generation and creation of ad-hoc queries using AUXINFO will be reviewed using in-depth classroom hands on exercises.

May 15-17 2007, Coast Guard District 7, Miami FL
July 16-18 2007, Coast Guard Academy, New London CT
Sept 07-09 2007, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA

Auxiliary Knowledge Base

The Auxiliary Knowledge Base is located at <http://kb.cgaux.info>. It can be accessed directly through its title button at the top of the Chief Director's web site, http://www.cgaux.info/g_ocx/.

The Office of Auxiliary has created the Auxiliary Knowledge Base.

2. Auxiliary program areas drive the Auxiliary Knowledge Base. Many of the same questions appear in multiple program areas and/or sub-sections for easy cross-reference. It enables users to e-mail articles to third parties.

Built-in acronym definitions provide an easy understanding of subject matter.

3. The Auxiliary Knowledge Base permits user feedback by employing a built-in question rating system. This allows users to provide feedback and comments on specific questions. The Office of Auxiliary will not directly reply to feedback or comments, but it will consider them in order to revise, update, or add to the Auxiliary Knowledge Base. The most efficient and effective way for an Auxiliarist to get an answer to a policy question, particularly when it is regionally specific, remains through the Auxiliarist's chain of leadership and management.

4. The Auxiliary Knowledge Base is a dynamic and comprehensive reference tool. Accordingly, Q&A proposals may be submitted from Auxiliary regions to the Auxiliary Knowledge Base staff through the respective Director of Auxiliary. The Office of Auxiliary will conduct final review and approval of appropriate proposals.

'Chain of Leadership'

The I-Department will do our best to address IS and CS issues/concerns but with over 27,000 Auxiliarists it's imperative that staff officers use the "Chain of Leadership" when addressing problems. Problem resolution should begin at the lowest level (FSO to SO, SO to ADSO, ADSO to DSO).

Auxiliary Style Usage Guide

We are pleased to announce the creation of an Auxiliary Style Usage Guide, located at <http://style.auxpa.org/>.

There you will find a tremendous amount of resources on heraldry and official images, imagery on screen and in print and electronic imagery file types. Moreover, you will find an official imagery library located at <http://style.auxpa.org/AppA/index.html>, as well as the Authorized Colors Chart <http://style.auxpa.org/AppB.html>, and File Naming Standards <http://style.auxpa.org/AppC.html>.

A-Dept

Microsoft Vista and AUXDATA

JInitiator can not be used to connect with AUXDATA when running Microsoft Vista, but CITRIX and JAVA both work fine.

Passwords

The human brain can hold only five to nine "random bits of information" in short-term memory. Considering the brain's limited capacity and the sheer number of secret names, codes, and words a person needs to remember in this password-protected age, it's no surprise that the most common password is simply "password."

Besides serving as an easy-to-remember code for less-creative computer users, "password" is often used as the default password for many web sites and programs, making it extremely common and not at all secure. In other words, "password" is a bad password.

Common Mistakes:

The use of the Auto fill feature

The majority of applications will allow you to remember your passwords and accounting data, but unless you're sure that the computer is reasonably protected from possible physical security breaches, you're strongly advised not to have your passwords remembered in this way. Make sure this option is not used at public access places like netcafes" etc.

"Post it" notes

Passwords are often written down and even worse, posted next to the monitor or around the desk. This could easily be observed by malicious attackers or insiders, so avoid it.

Statistics on Password Length – Can you imagine trying to remember a 32 character password. ☺

1-4	0.82 percent
5	1.1 percent
6	15 percent
7	23 percent
8	25 percent
9	17 percent
10	13 percent
11	2.7 percent
12	0.93 percent
13-32	0.93 percent