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Auxiliary Mandated Training Facts

Requirements for Auxiliarists to complete Mandated Training have led to some creative solutions to encourage members to complete this training in a timely manner. Clearly there are a number of implications for failure to complete by year's end, but there has been some confusion about methods and remedies. There are facts and there is fiction; here are some facts:

- Completion of Mandatory Training is now a prerequisite for
 - Initial or recertification in any competency.
 - Holding elected office after 31 DEC 2016.

- Appointment to any local or National office.
- Nomination for any elected local or National office.
- Receiving travel orders, reimbursable or non-reimbursable orders
- Attending any "C" school
- Receiving a new or replacement Auxiliary ID Card, (other than Provisional members)
- Acceptance of an Offer for Use for a surface, aircraft, or radio facility

HOWEVER:

- Completion of Mandatory Training is <u>not</u> a prerequisite for initial or continuing membership in the Auxiliary.
- Members who have not completed Mandatory Training may <u>not</u> be penalized with increased dues and members who have completed Mandatory Training may <u>not</u> be given a dues discount.
- Members may <u>not</u> receive discounts on their dues for logging hours in AUXDATA, nor may an Auxiliary Unit pay any portion of a member's dues for any reason.
- Auxiliary units may <u>not</u> impose any sanctions or penalties upon members who have not completed Mandatory Training.
- Failure to complete Mandatory Training is <u>not</u> a ground for disenrollment from the Auxiliary.

REMEDIES:

- Failure to complete Mandatory Training is analogous to the member going into "REYR" status.
- The member who has not completed Mandatory Training can come out of "REYR" status by completing the training. It's just like any other requirement that places a member in REYR status when training has not been completed.

In summary, Auxiliary Mandated Training prepares Auxiliarists to effectively serve as members of a volunteer organization that is in frequent contact with the American public and which augments and supports the US Coast Guard. This training provides a basic understanding of crucial human relations, policies, personal safety, and organizational security topics, and the National Incident Management System. Most importantly completion of the Mandatory Training places the Auxiliarist on the same footing as other members of the Coast Guard team and allows for seamless integration and augmentation.

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