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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR)
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GUIDELINES ON THE PARTICIPATION OF COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTRICT NCR-CL
IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (MAREP) PROGRAMS OF CGDNCR-CL

I. AUTHORITY:

1. Section 3 (q), Section 11 of the Republic Act No. 9993, otherwise known as "The Philippine Coast Guard Law of 2009"
2. Rule 3 (q), Rule 11 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 9993
3. PCGA Regulations Manual 2012 Edition

II. SCOPE:

This Memorandum Circular applies to members of CGADNCR-CL that will undertake the Implementation of MAREP Program.

III. PURPOSE:

This Memorandum Circular prescribes the policies and procedures in the participation CGADNCR-CL in the marine environmental programs of CGDNCR-CL

IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) – is an armed and uniformed service attached to the Department of Transportation and Communications. The PCG has twelve Districts all over the country ensuring maritime safety and addressing environmental concerns in coordination with other government agencies and non-government organizations.
2. District Commander - the most senior Coast Guard officer in a Coast Guard District. He is responsible for the efficient, safe and effective performance of Coast Guard duties and functions and the effective use of assigned personnel and facilities. The primary representative of the PCG on all PCGA matters in his district. He has administrative and operational supervision of the auxiliary district in his area of responsibility.
3. Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary (PCGA) – is a uniformed non-government organization under the supervision of Philippine Coast Guard.

4. Director Auxiliary District - is the head of Auxiliary Squadrons with a District Staff for Administration/Personnel, Operations, Plans and Programs, Logistics, MARSAR, MAREP, MARSAR and MCOMREL.
5. Director Auxiliary Squadron – is the head of the squadron which is composed of two (2) divisions comprising twenty (20) officers and auxiliaries per division.
6. Coast Guard Auxiliary Squadron (CGAS) - A unit of the PCGA under a Coast Guard Auxiliary District headed by the Director Auxiliary Squadron (DAS) which has a minimum membership of forty (40) Officers and Auxiliaries. It has its own staff similar to the Auxiliary District staff.
7. Area of Responsibility (AOR) – a geographic area belonging to or under the jurisdiction of a PCG unit.
8. Local Government Units (LGU's) – refers to any political subdivisions, such as, Provincial, City, Municipal and Barangay.
9. Non-Government Organization (NGO) – refers to organizations, corporations, associations not operated or under the control of the government.

V. POLICY:

1. CGADNCR-CL, in support to CGDNCR-CL MAREP Programs, shall establish a Coastal Green Belt Corridor: Mangrove / Beach Forest Rehabilitation.
2. CGADNCR-CL shall implement a systematized, efficient and intensified method of periodical coastal cleanup activities.
3. CGADNCR-CL shall create a Coastal Community Oil Spill Emergency Response Center.
4. CGDNCR-CL shall organize and conduct training, seminar and workshops for Oil Spill Response / Mangrove and Beach Forest Rehabilitation and Coastal Cleanups intended for CGADNCR-CL and its subordinate units.

VI. PROCEDURES

1. The Director Auxiliary District (DAD) NCR-CL shall conduct an assessment of the training needs/requirements of his officers and members, particularly in the aspect of MAREP and recommend to the Commander, CGDNCR-CL, for MAREP training, seminar or workshop.
2. The recommendation shall state the venue, date, time and total number of participants in the training, seminar or workshop to be conducted to enable the Commander, CGDNCR-CL to prepare and coordinate the logistical requirements.
3. The CGADNCR-CL members who completed the said program shall compose the First Oil Spill Responders Team and shall be recognized as MARPOL inspectors as duly certified by the Commander, Marine Environmental Protection Command through the Superintendent, Marine Environmental Protection Training Institute.

4. The establishment of a Coastal Green Belt Corridor shall be undertaken through the following:
 - a. Identification of mangrove planting location “Shoreline and Coastal Assessment Techniques” (SCAT);
 - b. Organization of home-care/backyard nurseries to ensure adequate supply of propagules/seedlings/wildings
 - c. Identification of appropriate mangrove propagule/seedlings to be planted in a given location
 - d. Conduct of seminars on the proper techniques of mangrove-planting
 - e. Training on their care and maintenance
5. The methods of periodic coastal cleanup activities shall be undertaken through the following:
 - a. Orientation during pre-cleanup activities to participating agencies and individuals
 - b. Conduct of regular information, Education and Communication (IEC) programs on Coastal/Waterways Cleanup and Solid Waste Management for the coordinators /zone captains
 - c. Coordination with concerned agencies, institutional partners, corporate groups and civil society
 - d. Ensure the submission of cleanup results/volunteer turn-outs for purposes of statistical records and basis for local and global legislation on marine debris issues
6. The creation of Coastal Community Emergency Response Centers shall be undertaken through the following:
 - a. Conduct marine environmental awareness workshop specifically on Marine Pollution Response based on the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan
 - b. Formulation of Coastal Barangay Oil Spill Contingency Plan for Tier I Response
 - c. Establishment of MARPOL Centers in the coastal barangays
 - d. Introduction of indigenous oil spill equipment
7. All MAREP activities shall be undertaken with proper coordination to the concerned Coast Guard Station

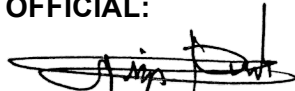
8. After MAREP Activity Reports shall be rendered by the concerned Coast Guard Station to CGDNCR-CL. Likewise, Auxiliary Squadrons shall render same to the CGADNCR-CL duly noted by the Station Commander.

VII. EFFECTIVITY:

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately upon approval.

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