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Subj: CPR and Use of AEDs - 001/06 Mon Jan 9 20:03:12 EST 2006. In the past month, several different Flotillas have raised questions regarding the teaching of CPR by Auxiliaries, the performance of CPR by Auxiliaries, the use of AEDs by Auxiliaries, and the ownership of AEDs by Auxiliaries. Both Headquarters Legal and Medical offices have weighed in and I provide the following guidance:

- A) Any Auxiliary who is currently certified by the American Red Cross or American Heart Assoc to perform CPR is authorized to do so. If that certification has expired, however, CPR should not be performed.
- B) Any Auxiliary who is currently certified by the American Red Cross or American Heart Assoc to teach CPR is authorized to do so including to both gold AND silver sides. If that certification has expired, however, CPR should not be taught.
- C) Any Auxiliary who is currently certified by the American Red Cross or American Heart Assoc to use an AED (defibrillator) is authorized to do so on anyone indicating need of an AED. If that certification has expired, however, AED should not be used.
- D) Any Flotilla wishing to purchase AEDs for use by currently certified members is authorized to do so. CG-1121 (old G-W) has an ALCOAST determining only which model AEDs may be used on aircraft. If an air facility carries an AED, they must follow that model guidance. Another ALCOAST will be released shortly that should identify models of AEDs that will be authorized for use by the USCG surface side. For the time being, AEDs used on surface facilities should be ruggedized (waterproof models are very difficult to find). POC for AED use in CG-1121 is CDR Monica Kueny.
- E) AEDs may be used underway on facilities by members currently certified in their use. Attached please find the most recent ALCOAST relating to use of AEDs. This message applies to silver side as well as gold side. <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/publications/alcoast/alcoast-484-00.asp>

The next change to the Ops Policy Manual will more clearly address this subject and will prohibit the use of online training for certification in CPR and AED use. Training must be hands on.

3. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliaries as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information.

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