



Sector Upper Mississippi River
 “All Threats.....All Hazards.....Always Ready”



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Sector Commander’s Corner

Happy New Year Sector UMR, we finally made it to 2008! I am sure that the successes we saw in 2007 will only increase in number in 2008. I highly encourage everyone to accept and conquer any new challenges and opportunities presented professionally or personally. As we begin another year, it is important to recall our successes of the past year such as the response to the I-35W bridge collapse and the SONS Exercise. We also should take time to refresh ourselves professionally and to keep our motto “Semper Paratus” in mind at all times. While we have enjoyed a good stretch without any major responses, that stretch could end at any time. I encourage each of you to set specific professional goals for yourself for 2008, including advancing knowledge in your field and in leadership in general. On this note, ISC St. Louis has a Leadership Library available to all St. Louis Coast Guard members. I encourage you to read at least one book a month. Contact LT Hooper for more information.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate LT John Martin of MSD Quad Cities for being the recipient of the Investigating Officer Course’s Captain Domenic A. Calicchio Award. Great job LT Martin and thank you for representing our Sector in such an accomplishment.

Captain Domenic A. Calicchio Award

The command is pleased to announce that LT John Martin is the recipient of the Investigating Officer Course’s Captain Domenic A. Calicchio Award for IOC class 2-08. On November 9th, 2007 Training center Yorktown officially dedicated the award with Rear Admiral Landry presiding.

The Captain Domenic A. Calicchio Award is presented to the Investigating Officer Course graduate who, as elected by fellow classmates, endorsed by the Marine Safety Inspection and Investigation School staff, and approved by the Calicchio family members, most exemplifies the following personal and professional qualities exhibited by Captain Domenic A. Calicchio during his lifetime: A person with courage, honor, and integrity; who will be dedicated to the core value of never compromising the truth. A person who will fight for what is right, who will stand their ground even on unpopular decisions, while protecting the rights of others – regardless of the consequences. These qualities, identified within the aforementioned Investigating Officer Course graduate, will be amplified by a vigilance and persistence in identifying critical recommendations brought forward with an open and perceptive mindset for implementing change.

Upcoming Events

- 11-12 Jan: SRO Conference
- 15-16 Jan: ONC/MSD Supervisor Conference
- 21 Jan: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 21-26 Jan: Auxiliary N-Training Conference
- 7 March: CWO4 Perkins Retirement Ceremony

Congratulations

Congratulations are offered to LCDR Barker and his wife Allison on the birth of their son, Ryan Miller Barker, born on December 20.

Congratulations are also offered to LTJG Townsen and his wife Dawn on the birth of their son, Trenton Noel Townsen, born on December 31.

Pictures from Around the Sector



Picture 1: LT John Martin being honored with the Captain Domenic A. Calicchio Award while at Investigations School in TRACEN Yorktown.



Picture 3: OSC Simberlund receiving his 5th Good Conduct Award. Thanks for your service Chief!



Picture 2: The Captain Domenic A. Calicchio plaque with LT Martin as the new addition.