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SUBJ: BOAT GUNNER RESTRAINT SYSTEM

- A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 271814Z MAR 2007
- B. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 071717Z SEP 2006
- C. RESCUE AND SURVIVAL SYSTEMS MANUAL, COMDTINST M10470.10(SERIES)
 - 1. PURPOSE. THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE BOAT GUNNER RESTRAINT SYSTEM.
 - 2. BACKGROUND. IN SEP 2006, WE REQUESTED THE SPECIAL MISSION TRAINING CENTER (SMTC) DEVELOP A GUNNER TETHERING SYSTEM [REDACTED]

RISK OF BOAT GUNNER EJECTIONS. IN JAN 2007, AFTER SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION, SMTC PROPOSED A BOAT GUNNER RESTRAINT SYSTEM CONSISTING OF A BLACKHAWK PRODUCTS GROUP TACTICAL RAPPEL HARNESS AND A LIFESAVING SYSTEMS CORP TETHER. SINCE THEN WE HAVE BEEN FINALIZING PROCUREMENT AND DURING THE WEEK OF 19 MAR THE LAST COMPONENT OF THE BOAT GUNNER RESTRAINT SYSTEM WAS ADDED TO GSA SCHEDULE.

- 3. DISCUSSION. BOATS FORCES OPERATE IN AN INHERENTLY HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENT [REDACTED]

FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC LOSS OF ONE OF OUR SHIPMATES, WE IMMEDIATELY ACCELERATED THE TACTICAL BOAT CREW INITIATIVES OUTLINED IN REF B, SPECIFICALLY THE ACQUISITION AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE BOAT GUNNER RESTRAINT SYSTEM FOR THE DEFENDER CLASS, SPECIAL PURPOSE CRAFT - LAW ENFORCEMENT (SPC-LE), AND UNSPORTABLE PORT SECURITY BOATS (TPSB).

DEPLOYMENT. THE OFFICE OF BOAT FORCES WILL PROVIDE:

- A. LEVEL ONE PWCS UNITS - ONE TETHER AND ONE TACTICAL RAPPEL HARNESS PER DEFENDER CLASS AND SPC-LE.
- B. SMTC -
 - 1) ONE TETHER AND ONE TACTICAL RAPPEL HARNESS PER DEFENDER CLASS.
 - 2) THREE TETHERS AND THREE TACTICAL RAPPEL HARNESSES PER TPSB.
- C. PSUS - THREE TETHERS AND THREE TACTICAL RAPPEL HARNESSES PER TPSB.
- D. MSSTS/MSRT - TWO TETHERS PER DEFENDER CLASS. THE TACTICAL RAPPEL HARNESS IS ALREADY PART OF THE MSST/MSRT AUTHORIZED EQUIPMENT LIST AND WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.
- E. UNITS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL FUTURE PURCHASES OF THE TETHER AND TACTICAL RAPPEL HARNESS.

5. ACTION.

- A. UPON RECEIPT OF THE BOAT GUNNER RESTRAINT SYSTEM, ALL BOAT

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CREW MANNING MOUNTED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS ON THE DEFENDER CLASS, SPC-LE, AND TPSB SHALL BE TETHERED. PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT, BOAT FORCES PERSONNEL SHALL BECOME THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE PROPER ATTACHMENT POINTS, WEAR, AND OPERATION OF THE BOAT GUNNER RESTRAINT SYSTEM.

1) ATTACHMENT POINTS --

- A) TETHER SHALL BE ATTACHED TO:
 - DEFENDER CLASS - FORWARD AND/OR AFT TOW BIT
 - SPC-LE - FORWARD TOW BIT ADAPTER AND/OR AFT TOW BIT
 - TPSB - MK16 MOD 8 STAND ASSEMBLY

B) TETHER QUICK RELEASE SHALL BE ATTACHED TO THE FRONT D-RING ON THE TACTICAL RAPPEL HARNESS.

2) DONNING AND DOFFING THE TACTICAL RAPPEL HARNESS.

- A) HARNESS SHALL BE WORN UNDER TACTICAL GEAR.
- B) HARNESS D RING SHALL BE WORN IN FRONT, EITHER

PROTRUDING OVER OR UNDER THE WEAPONS BELT BUCKLE.

3) PHOTOS SHOWING THE PROPER ATTACHMENT POINTS AND WEAR OF THE BOAT GUNNER RESTRAINT SYSTEM FOR THE DEFENDER CLASS, SPC-LE, AND TPSB CAN BE FOUND ON THE BOAT FORCES WEB SITE [HTTP://CGWEB.COMDT.USCG.MIL/G-RCB/RSS_INFORMATION.HTM](http://cgweb.comdt.uscg.mil/g-rcb/rss_information.htm).

B. COMMANDING OFFICERS AND OFFICERS IN CHARGE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ENSURE BOAT CREWS ARE AWARE OF WHAT PWCS ACTIVITIES REQUIRE THE MANNING OF MOUNTED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND THE RISK INCURRED BY THIS ACTION.

C. COXSWAIN SHALL ADHERE TO THE OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS AND BOAT FORCES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WHILE MOUNTED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS ARE MANNED.

6. ORDERING INFORMATION. TO MAINTAIN STANDARDIZATION, COMMONALITY AND INTEROPERABILITY ACROSS ALL MISSION ACTIVITIES, BOAT GUNNER RESTRAINT SYSTEM COMPONENTS SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES.

A. TETHER - LIFESAVING SYSTEMS CORP, 220 ELSBERRY RD, APPOLO BEACH, FL 33572, (813)645-2748, PART NUMBER 780-1, COST IS \$40.00; GSA SCHEDULE NUMBER GS-07F-0078H.

B. HARNESS - BLACKHAWK PRODUCTS GROUP, 4850 BROOKSIDE CT, NORFOLK, VA 23502, (800)694-5263, PART NUMBER 30RH00BK, COST IS \$47.00; NATIONAL STOCK NUMBER 8415-01-505-9534.

7. MAINTENANCE.

A. UNIT SHALL ASSIGN A FIELD NUMBER TO EACH TACTICAL RAPPEL HARNESS AND TETHER.

B. TACTICAL RAPPEL HARNESS AND TETHER SHALL BE INSPECTED EVERY SIX MONTHS FOR CUTS IN WEBBING, EXCESSIVE WEAR, LOOSE OR BROKEN STITCHES AND HARDWARE OPERATION.

C. BOAT FORCES UNITS SHALL KEEP AN INSPECTION LOG AND RECORD OF THE IN SERVICE DATE AND SIX MONTH INSPECTIONS.

8. WAY AHEAD. WE ARE DILIGENTLY WORKING TO FINALIZE A BOAT GUNNER ENSEMBLE

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10. POC. RESCUE AND SURVIVAL SYSTEMS PROGRAM MANAGER, CWO [REDACTED] COMDT (CG-37RCB-1), AT [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] AT) USCG.MIL.

11. INTERNET RELEASE IS NOT AUTHORIZED.

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2. BACKGROUND. REF A ANNOUNCED THE DEPLOYMENT OF A BOAT GUNNER ENSEMBLE CONSISTING OF A RESTRAINT SYSTEM, [REDACTED] HELMET, [REDACTED] GOGGLES, AND BOAT CREW COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (BCCS).

DISCUSSION. A [REDACTED] HELMET AND [REDACTED] GOGGLES ARE AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF THE BOAT GUNNER ENSEMBLE THAT WHEN WORN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOAT GUNNER RESTRAINT SYSTEM AND BCCS WILL PROVIDE INCREASED PROTECTION AND SAFETY. IN ADDITION TO THE BOAT GUNNER, BALLISTIC HELMET AND BALLISTIC GOGGLES ALSO PROVIDES INCREASED PROTECTION TO THE COXSWAIN AND BOAT CREW.



4. DEPLOYMENT.

A. THE OFFICE OF BOAT FORCES WILL PROVIDE FUNDING TO LEVEL ONE PWCS STATIONS, SPECIAL MISSION TRAINING CENTER (SMTC), AND MSSTS/MSRT THROUGH THE AREA AND DISTRICT BOAT MANAGER FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOAT CREW [REDACTED] HELMETS AND [REDACTED] GOGGLES. UNIT SPECIFIC SIZING REQUIREMENTS PROHIBIT THE OFFICE OF BOAT FORCES FROM DISTRIBUTING TH ITEMS DIRECTLY TO BOAT FORCES UNITS.

FUNDING IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF SETS ALLOCATED PER UNIT. THE NUMBER OF SETS ALLOCATED I BASED ON THE NUMBER OF TACTICAL COXSWAINS PER REF B AND AVAILABLE FUNDING. A SET CONSISTS OF ONE [REDACTED] HELMET AND ONE PAIR OF [REDACTED] GOGGLES. FUNDING

DISTRIBUTION:

LANTAREA	SETS/FUNDING
MSSTS/MSRT	6 PER/\$5,561.00 PER
STA NEW YORK	6/\$5,561.00
STA NEW HAVEN	6/\$5,561.00
STA NEW LONDON	6/\$5,561.00

STA CASTLE HILL	6/\$5,561.00
STA EATONS NECK	6/\$5,561.00
STA FT LAUDERDALE	6/\$5,561.00
STA GALVESTON	6/\$5,561.00
STA KINGS POINT	6/\$5,561.00
STA MIAMI BEACH	6/\$5,561.00
STA NEW ORLEANS	6/\$5,561.00
STA POINT ALLERTON	6/\$5,561.00
STA POINT JUDITH	6/\$5,561.00
MSU PORT ARTHUR	6/\$5,561.00
STA PORT ARANSAS	6/\$5,561.00
STA BOSTON	6/\$5,561.00
SEC HOUSTON-GALVESTON	6/\$5,561.00
STA SANDY HOOK	6/\$5,561.00
STA CALUMET HBR	6/\$5,561.00
STA PORTSMOUTH HBR	6/\$5,561.00
STA WOODS HOLE	6/\$5,561.00
STA BRANT POINT	6/\$5,561.00
STA CHARLESTON	6/\$5,561.00
STA CORTEZ	6/\$5,561.00
STA LAKE WORTH	6/\$5,561.00
STA LITTLE CREEK	6/\$5,561.00
STA MAYPORT	6/\$5,561.00
SEC NORTH CAROLINA	6/\$5,561.00
STA OAK ISLAND	6/\$5,561.00
STA PHILADELPHIA	6/\$5,561.00
STA PORTSMOUTH	6/\$5,561.00
STA PORT CANAVERAL	6/\$5,561.00
STA SABINE	6/\$5,561.00
STA SAN JUAN	6/\$5,561.00
STA SOUTHWEST HBR	6/\$5,561.00
STA SOUTH PORTLAND	6/\$5,561.00
STA ST INIGOES	6/\$5,561.00
STA ST PETERSBURG	6/\$5,561.00
STA TYBEE	6/\$5,561.00
STA WASHINGTON	6/\$5,561.00
STA WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH	6/\$5,561.00
STA YANKEETOWN	6/\$5,561.00
STA KEY WEST	6/\$5,561.00
STA MARATHON	6/\$5,561.00
STA MENEMSHA	4/\$3,707.00
MSU BATON ROUGE	4/\$3,707.00
STA BELLE ISLE	4/\$3,707.00
STA BUFFALO	4/\$3,707.00
MSD CINCINNATI	4/\$3,707.00
STA GRAND ISLE	4/\$3,707.00
MSU LAKE CHARLES	4/\$3,707.00
SEC LOWER MISSISSIPPI	4/\$3,707.00
STA MONTAUK	4/\$3,707.00
STA OXFORD	4/\$3,707.00
STA PASCAGOULA	4/\$3,707.00
MSU PITTSBURGH	4/\$3,707.00
SEC OHIO VALLEY	4/\$3,707.00
SEC UPPER MISSISSIPPI	4/\$3,707.00
STA VENICE	4/\$3,707.00
STA WILMETTE HBR	4/\$3,707.00
STA DAUPHIN ISLAND	2/\$1,853.00
STA FREEPORT	2/\$1,853.00
MSD NASHVILLE	2/\$1,853.00
STA PORT OCONNOR	2/\$1,853.00
PACAREA	SETS/FUNDING

ALL MSST-	6 PER/\$5,561.00 PER
STA BELLINGHAM	6/\$5,561.00
STA PORT ANGELES	6/\$5,561.00
STA PORTLAND	6/\$5,561.00
STA SEATTLE	6/\$5,561.00

STA HONOLULU	6/\$5,561.00
STA LA/LB	6/\$5,561.00
STA SAN FRAN	6/\$5,561.00
STA VALLEJO	6/\$5,561.00
STA CHANNEL ISL	4/\$3,707.00
STA GOLDEN GATE	4/\$3,707.00
STA SAN DIEGO	4/\$3,707.00
STA JUNEAU	2/\$1,853.00
STA KETCHIKAN	2/\$1,853.00
STA MONTEREY	2/\$1,853.00
STA VALDEZ	2/\$1,853.00
TRACEN	SETS/FUNDING

SMTC 6/\$5,561.00

B. FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT HELMETS AND GOGGLES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNIT.

5. ACTION.

A. [REDACTED] AS THE NEW STANDARD BOAT CREW HELMET FOR USE ON ALL MOUNTED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS CAPABLE BOATS.

B. [REDACTED] IS ESTABLISHED AS THE STANDARD BOAT CREW HELMET FOR DEPLOYABLE SPECIALIZED FORCES OPERATING UNDER THE COGNIZANT OF THE DEPLOYABLE OPERATIONS GROUP.

C. [REDACTED] IS ESTABLISHED AS THE NEW STANDARD BOAT CREW GOGGLES.

D. UPON RECEIPT, THE [REDACTED] HELMET AND [REDACTED] GOGGLES SHALL BE WORN BY THE BOAT GUNNER WHEN MANNING THE MAW. THE COXSWAIN AND REMAINING BOAT CREW SHALL BE GUIDED BY REF C AND D IN WEARING THE BALLISTIC HELMET AND BALLISTIC GOGGLES.

E. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FUNDING WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE BOAT FORCES PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION MODEL.

6. ORDERING INFORMATION. TO MAINTAIN STANDARDIZATION, COMMONALITY AND INTEROPERABILITY ACROSS ALL MISSION ACTIVITIES, THE BALLISTIC HELMET AND BALLISTIC GOGGLES SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES.

A. [REDACTED]

3) PRESCRIPTION INSERT; CONTACT EYE SAFETY SYSTEMS INC FOR PRICING DATA.

7. THE USE OF HELMETS BY BOAT CREWS IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED WHEN CONDUCTING ANY MISSION ACTIVITY WHERE THE USE OF HIGH RISK, HIGH SPEED AGGRESSIVE BOAT TACTICS, TECHNIQUES AND PROCEDURES ARE ANTICIPATED. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COXSWAIN TO ENSURE ALL CREWMEMBERS WEAR HELMETS DURING HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OR WHEN IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE COXSWAIN, THE ACTIVITY WARRANTS HELMET USE.

8. [REDACTED]

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