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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 2000.20C
COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 2000.7

From: Chief of Naval Operations
Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

Subj: U.S. NAVY - U.S. COAST GUARD COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 4000.79, U.S. Navy Support to the U.S. Coast Guard; policy for
(b) OPNAVINST 5450.211, U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Commanders; designation of

1. Purpose. To issue the Navy and Coast Guard policies for mutual support and interoperability of Communications Systems.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 2000.20B.

3. Background. Reference (a) provides the U.S. Navy's policy on support of the U.S. Coast Guard and assigns responsibility for carrying out this policy. Additionally, it covers the current policy for the interchange of property and services.

4. Policy. The Navy and Coast Guard communications systems, while primarily supporting respective individual service requirements, will be directed toward:

a. Interoperability between the Navy and Coast Guard systems, with emphasis being placed on the Coast Guard Telecommunications System (CGTS) to be interoperable with the Naval Telecommunications System (NTS).

b. Avoidance of unnecessary duplication of systems, equipment and facilities.

c. Standardization of communication methods and procedures, where appropriate and necessary for interoperability.

d. The facilities and services of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) being mutually available for handling of official messages, where facilities are available, and where such action does not interfere with current operations.

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e. Local area U.S. Navy - U.S. Coast Guard agreements, concluded by representatives of the two services and approved by Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard (COMDT COGARD), and the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) should be used to implement specific local area aspects not covered in this instruction.

5. Action. The following actions are directed:

a. COMDT COGARD will:

(1) Insure that the policies, procedures and systems of the Coast Guard Telecommunications System permit interoperability with the Navy system.

(2) Per reference (a):

(a) Inform CNO (OP-094) of all equipment and support needed to fulfill assigned Navy missions, less those of the Maritime Defense Zones (MDZ).

(b) Oversee the installation, operation, and maintenance of all Navy communication equipment installed at or on Coast Guard facilities (shore, ship, or air) in support of all Navy missions.

(3) Be responsible for any facility upgrade or security improvements necessary in support of the installation, maintenance and operation of communication systems at designated USCG MDZ host facilities.

(4) Insure that USCG Communications Security Material (CMS) holders are responsible to the Navy for accounting and handling of CMS material following current instructions.

b. CNO will:

(1) Plan, program, budget for and procure communication and associated equipment, including maintenance and training support, to ensure interoperability with the Navy Telecommunications System in support of Navy missions, including validated MDZ missions and functions.

(2) Designate USCG activities as CMS holders, assign Navy CMS account numbers, and provide CMS and Communications Tactical (COMTAC) Publications for the Coast Guard.

(3) Be responsible for any facility upgrade or security improvements necessary in support of the installation, maintenance and operation of communication and associated systems at designated U.S. Navy (MDZ) host facilities.

c. Maritime Defense Zone Issues and Tasking:

(1) Reference (b) designated USCG Atlantic and Pacific Area Commanders as Maritime Defense Zone Commanders responsible to Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet/Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet respectively for preparing, coordinating and conducting coastal defense - to include harbor defense, inshore and undersea warfare, and surveillance and interdiction.

(2) MDZ commanders are directly responsible to their Fleet Commander in Chief (FLTCINC) for fulfillment of their duties. Zone commanders will submit Program Objective Memorandum (POM) requests for communication system installations to their respective FLTCINCs following current Navy directives.

(3) Zone commanders POM requests will often propose the installation of communication and associated equipment on or at Coast Guard facilities (shore, ship, or air). Such requests will include the name and location of the Coast Guard facility to receive the communication equipment. An information copy of the POM request, and any subsequent FLTCINC endorsement, shall also be forwarded to Commandant (G-T) by the Zone commander.

(4) When CNO (OP-094) receives a POM request for communication and associated equipment to be installed at a Coast Guard facility, concurrence from Commandant (G-T) will be obtained prior to approval of the request.



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