

To be incorporated into a future change to the Personnel Manual, COMDTINST M 1000.6A

MARINE SAFETY INSIGNIA AWARD CRITERIA

1. Discussion: The Marine Safety specialty is a major contributor to Coast Guard service to the public, and is well represented within all five of the Coast Guard's Strategic Operational Goals. This device represents the personal fulfillment of the professional training and qualifications necessary for a Marine Safety career. It further recognizes a desire to continue in a career path involving Marine Safety field operations.

2. Description: A gold rectangle with a trident extending within its length. A gold compass rose is centered above the trident with a silver shield covering the center of the compass rose. A braided rope runs the length of the trident and is intertwined with the compass rose.

- The trident represents the three pronged approach to our mission; prevention, preparedness, and response, and is also the recognized symbol of the MST rating.
- The compass rose is a recognized symbol of the world – acknowledging our worldwide reputation, influence, and duty stations.
- The shield represents the safety and protection of people, property, and the environment.
- The combination of silver and gold in the same insignia represents the Enlisted members (silver) and the Officer Corps (gold). Not having a separate color insignia for each symbolizes the similarity of qualifications required to fulfill the mission, regardless of rank/rate.
- The braided rope represents the Coast Guard Seal, our service, and its maritime heritage. The rope intertwined among the other symbols represents the coordination between all marine safety personnel and operations for the successful completion of our mission.

3. Entitlement: The insignia shall be awarded to personnel under the following conditions:

Permanent Entitlement: Enlisted members (E-4 and above) and Officers of the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, (including inactive reservists), Coast Guard Civilians, and Coast Guard Auxiliary members may earn permanent entitlement to the Marine Safety Insignia by completing the criteria listed below.

- A. Attainment of four Marine Safety qualification codes, found in MSM Vol I, Chap. 7.C.2, through successful completion of the Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS) contained in the training manual for each qualification with the exception of the following qualifications: Liferaft Inspector (LR), Pistol (EP), Rifle (ER), Shotgun (ES), and any local qualifications such as OOD, CDO, or watchstander and;
- B. Accumulation of not less than four years of service in the Marine Safety program to be served at a Marine Safety operational field unit. With the exception of industry training, duty under instruction does not count towards the minimum required time.

Marine Safety Operational Field Unit: The following units qualify as Marine Safety operational field units: Marine Safety Office; Activities, Marine Safety Unit, Marine Inspection Office, Captain of the Port, Marine Safety Detachment, Port Safety Station, Marine Safety Field Office, Marine Inspection Detachment, Regional Inspection Office, Detached Duty Office; Container Inspection Training and Assistance Team; Regional Exam Center; or Strike Team.

- C. Receiving a favorable determination from the Commanding Officer of the unit to which assigned.

Temporary Entitlement: A Commanding Officer of a Marine Safety operational field unit may authorize temporary wear of the Marine Safety Insignia during the period that the member is permanently assigned to that unit for those personnel who have completed the initial indoctrination level training IAW MSM Vol I, Chap. 7.A.3, and who have attained the criteria in paragraph 3.A. but have not yet met the time requirements of paragraph 3.B.

4. Prior Qualification: Those individuals who served in the Marine Safety field prior to 01OCT84 must meet the four years and four qualification criteria however, for documentation and prior qualifications, the “grandfather” requirements found in MSM Vol. I Chap. 7.D.3. may be used for permanent or temporary award of the Marine Safety insignia. Personnel who began serving in the Marine Safety field after 01OCT84 must meet the qualification criteria set forth in paragraph 3 for permanent or temporary award of the Marine Safety insignia.

5. Administration:

- A. Marine Safety Office Commanding Officers, Marine Safety Unit Commanding Officers, Activity Commanding Officers, Strike Team Commanding Officers, the National Strike Force Coordination Center Commanding Officer, the Marine Safety Center Commanding Officer, the National Maritime Center Commanding Officer, Area (M), District (M), G-MO, or G-M are the issuing authorities for the Marine Safety insignia.
- B. Issuing Authorities will ensure that all requirements have been met before certification.
- C. Issuance of the Marine Safety insignia shall be documented with an Administrative Remarks (CG-3307) entry in the member’s Personnel Data Record (PDR) and a copy of the CG-3307 shall be sent to Commandant (CGPC-adm-3). Entry shall also be made in the Coast Guard Human Resources Management System (CGHRMS).
- D. In conjunction with the issuance of the Marine Safety insignia, the accompanying certificate shall also be issued and signed by the Issuing Authority.