

**Summary of phone interview of [REDACTED], USCG by [REDACTED] on 12 October with follow up questions on 17 October 2006, regarding sending 1/c cadets from the Coast Guard Academy to the Navy SCUBA diving course.**

[REDACTED] is currently assigned as a Cadet Professional Development officer at the Coast Guard Academy. He has been stationed at the Academy for over a year. His previous assignment was as Dive Officer in CGC SASSAFRAS and CGC SEQUOIA.

For the past three to four years, the Academy has sent some 1/c cadets to the Navy's SCUBA diving course during their summer training, predominately to expose cadets to other career opportunities in the Coast Guard. This has been a "grass-root" initiative that the CGLO, NDSTC and the diving program manager support, since they usually have extra quotas that would go vacant otherwise.

A total of five 1/c cadets have completed the 5-week Navy Scuba diving course during the 1/c cadet summer program over the last 3 years. Of the four cadets that completed the diving course, two were assigned to diving units and two were not assigned to diving units. The fifth student to complete the diving program did so in summer 2006, expecting assignment sometime in Spring 2007.

When asked how he attempts to recoup the investment by sending the cadet to a diving unit upon commissioning, he indicated that is between the cadet and the assignment officer. Assignment to a diving unit is not guaranteed. If the cadet desires to go to a diving unit, they have to compete for it alongside with their classmates. The cadet can make a remark in the comments section of their e-resume and bring it to the attention of the assignment officer during the interviews. Otherwise, the assignment officer has no other means of learning what cadets have completed the SCUBA course.

When asked how he ensures the cadet maintains his or her SCUBA diving currency qualification, he stated he was able to schedule a dive day to meet the minimums. He indicated to schedule anything above the minimum is very difficult because of the many competing demands on the cadets' schedule.

When asked what will happen to this initiative when he departs PCS, he stated, "The program will die." He when on to state he believes it would not take much to continue this initiative.