

Participant Informed Consent Form

Privacy and Informed Consent: In accordance with Public Law 93-579, the Privacy Act of 1974 and 45 CFR Part 46, providing the information requested in the survey is voluntary. Your informed consent is required for participation.

I understand that the purpose of this survey is to enhance the safety of USCG Auxiliarists operations. This safety survey will be limited to data collection that solicits strictly voluntary opinions and will not collect information which is required or regulated.

I understand that, as a recipient of this e-mail, I am being asked to participate in an online survey.

Benefits: The benefit of my participation will be feedback to my leadership team to facilitate communications between members of the command, focus management attention to employee issues, and highlight areas to improve the overall work environment. There will be no direct benefit to me for my participation.

Risks: There are minimal to no risks anticipated with my contribution to this survey. I acknowledge that my basic demographics (what AUX region, aircrew qualification, etc.) will be collected in this survey and that my responses will be used by and disclosed to Coast Guard personnel and Auxiliarists who need the information to assist in activities related to Coast Guard operations. In this respect, the confidentiality of my responses cannot be assured, however, there will be no attempts to link me to my responses and I will remain anonymous. Data reported from this survey will be summarized and will not single out any individual participant's responses.

Subject Assurances: My participation is voluntary. I will be asked to answer every question, even if my answer is "N/A," to help ensure statistical validity. I understand that I have the right to withdraw my participation at any time, prior to submission of the completed survey, without penalty.

Point-of-Contact about the Study: If I have any concerns, questions or want further information about this survey, I will contact D5 AUXSAT Brian Lynch at lynchbp@drexel.edu.

For further questions regarding research subjects' protection, I can contact the CG Human Research Protection Office at Carlos.A.Comperatore@uscg.mil or at (202) 475-5182.

Consent: I have read this consent form and understand its contents. By participating in this survey, I am implying consent and no signed documentation will be required. By clicking the link below, I acknowledge that I freely consent to participate in this survey under the conditions described.

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