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Subj: Inspection and maintenance of fire fighting and damage control equipment

Ref: (a) COMSTSINST P3120.2G, Section 2-2-8a
(b) MSTSPACINST P4700.3B, Appendix A

Recent comments received indicate a need for clarification on the responsibility involving the inspection and maintenance of fire fighting and damage control equipment.

References (a) and (b) assign to the 3rd officer the responsibility for the maintenance of fire fighting and damage control equipment. Under his supervision and consistent with reference (b), the boatswain and carpenter are to perform inspections and maintenance of such equipment as routine functions. Additional deck unlicensed personnel are to be assigned if an unusual amount of maintenance is required. Deviation from this practice is not authorized.

In ships not authorized a 3rd officer billet, the second officer is responsible for the maintenance of fire fighting and damage control equipment.

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