Test Your FPVE Knowledge

1. A cruise ship submits an ANOA to arrive on 1 JUN 2017, has a valid COC that expires on 1 JUN 2017. The cruise ship company does not want to complete the exam in your port. Can the ship leave without completing the Annual COC?

Ans: The COC is valid for 1 year. You should contact the ship and let them know they cannot embark passengers without a valid COC. An exam should then be scheduled following the TTP. (46 CFR 2 and MSM Vol II/D7)

2. During the emergency drills, the MES deployment team members cannot describe how to deploy the MES. What should you do?

Ans: Check the training records of the MES deployment team. If they do not have the training, then this could be indicative of big problem regarding SMS and training on the ship. Or it may mean the team needs refresher training. Expand the exam, and see how the other teams perform. (74 SOLAS III/19.3.3.8)

3. You are told the emergency generator does not have a secondary means of starting based on the size of the vessel. Is this acceptable?

Ans: The size of the vessel is not relevant to the requirement. It probably does have a secondary means to start it, but possibly it is inop, or the engineers do not know how to start it. Some generators equipped with electric starting have two independent electrical starting systems. If there are multiple means, electric and air for example, then there needs to be two complete starting systems to include two starters.(74 SOLAS II–1/42)

4. While closing a sliding fire door locally, you notice the alarm is not sounding. Is the FD in compliance?

Ans: An alarm is required when fire doors are closed remotely not locally. (74 SOLAS II–2/9.4.1.1.5.10)

5. The Staff Captain states the ship does not have an Environmental Officer. Do they need one?

Ans: There is no requirement to have an Environment Officer. However, the crew still needs to meet all reg. requirements and follow ship's procedures. (NVIC 04-04)