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SUBJ: SAR ADVISORY: IPHONE 14 SATELLITE TEXT CAPABILITY

1. In November 2022 Apple intends to release a software update which is designed to enable iPhone 14 users to text emergency services when out of cellular and Wi-Fi coverage.

2. This feature is designed to send text messages directly to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) which are text enabled. For regions with emergency services or PSAPs which do not have text capability, the message is designed to be routed to a relay center and then passed to the appropriate recipient via voice call.

3. Although not intended for distress alerting in the offshore environment, this feature is anticipated to function as far as 12 nautical miles from the baseline. Any distress alerts in the maritime environment, which are outside of state waters, are expected to be relayed to the appropriate Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center via voice call.

4. Rescue Coordination Center and Command Center personnel and SAR Mission Coordinators are encouraged to review the Emergency SOS Via Satellite Operations Guide and other documents located on the COMDT (CG-SAR) portal site:

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<https://uscg.sharepoint-mil.us/sites/cgsar/Documents>

5. This notification is for informational and planning purposes only and does not constitute an endorsement of Apple or its products, nor does this message make any representations regarding the effectiveness of this feature. Individuals are encouraged to carry redundant means for reaching emergency responders.

6. POC: OSCS I. Brown, Email: Ian.D.Brown@uscg.mil.

7. RDML Jo-Ann F. Burdian, Assistant Commandant for Response Policy (CG-5R), sends.

8. Internet release is authorized.