

## **STAFF MEDIA OPERATIONS OFFICER (SMOO) TO FOST(S) - TORs**

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### **Preamble**

- FOST(S) is responsible for training all ships of the Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) to meet the Training Directive generated by the Force Generation Authority (FGA) on behalf of the FCDR. FOST(S) is also responsible for the delivery of OST to over 20 IDT nations.

### **Principal Functions**

- Staff Media Operations Officer (SMOO) is the lead officer for Media Operations (MO) training at FOST(S).
- To liaise with Navy Cmd Comms and Influence (CI) and the MOD-sponsored Crown Media company to provide appropriate simpress to assist in the provision of MO training to OST units as required by FOST(S).

### **Principal Tasks – Operational Sea Training (OST)**

- To ensure ships' command teams and PROs receive comprehensive and relevant Media Ops and Interview Training to enable them to carry out their MO duties as directed by FCDR.
- On completion of a training period, to assess the final standard of a ship's MO organisation and contribute to the Final Report (FINREP) in accordance with Staff Instructions (SI).
- Inform SWEO of any shortfalls in training or issues that may affect a ship's MO capability.
- To review the OST guide and DARTS to ensure they represent current practice and policy.

### **Secondary Functions**

- Provide Media Ops advice/Lines to Take (LTT) to the Command following an incident that may attract negative media attention.
- Liaise with Navy Cmd (CI) to seek opportunities to promote FOST(S) through the national and regional media, via media embeds and news articles.
- To assist FOST VIP visits where required.
- To act as Media Ops Unit Liaison Officer (ULO) to the RNR Media Ops Branch.

### **Accountability**

- SMOO is accountable to the Staff Weapon Engineering Officer (SWEO)/Capt (S).

### **Authority**

SMOO is authorised to:

- Liaise and correspond with MOD (DDC), Navy Cmd (CI), OST ships, the RNR and other outside authorities appropriate to purpose.
- Release signals and correspondence in accordance with Staff Instructions.

### **Qualifications**

Rank: Lieutenant Commander.

Spec: Media Operations Specialist RNR.

Mandatory qualifications:

- a. Professional Media Operations qualified, with deployed operational experience.
- b. FOST(S) Induction Course.
- c. FOST(S) Coaching and Mentoring Course.
- d. Dunker.
- e. EFSSC.