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CAPTAIN KEITH M. DONOHUE

Deputy Sector Commander U.S. Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston

As the Deputy of Sector Houston-Galveston, Captain Donohue serves as alternate: Captain of the Port, Officer-in-Charge of Marine Inspection; Federal Maritime Security Coordinator; Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator; and Federal On-Scene Coordinator for an area of responsibility that stretches from Freeport, TX to Lake Charles, LA, and incorporates the largest petro-chemical complexes and busiest waterways in the U.S.

His previous operational assignments include Deputy of Sector Long Island Sound; Commanding Officer of the Pacific Strike Team; Response Department Head at Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur Texas; as well as Facility Branch Chief, Marine and Environmental Protection Branch Chief, and Investigations Officer at Marine Safety Office Providence, Rhode Island. His staff assignments include serving as: a consultant to the International Maritime Organization at the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Center for the Wider Caribbean Region, in Curaçao; an International Port Security Liaison Officer attached to Activities Europe in the Netherlands; and an Environmental Specialist in the Operating and Environmental Standards Division of USCG Headquarters.

His career in the Coast Guard has focused greatly on domestic and international marine safety, port security, incident management and environmental response. He has: overseen deployments to oil spills, hazardous material releases, natural disasters and exercises throughout the U.S.A., Southeast Asia and Pacific Oceania; assisted governments of the Caribbean and South America with the ratification and implementation of international conventions; and worked with U.S. Embassies and foreign governments throughout Europe, Africa and the Middle East to reduce the threat of international and domestic maritime terrorism. While serving at USCG Headquarters from 2003 to 2007, he also coordinated the implementation of the first U.S. Mandatory Ballast Water Management Program, and was a watch-stander at FEMA's National Response Coordination Center.

He holds a Master of Arts in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Oceanography from Florida Institute of Technology, as well as Merchant Mariner Credentials. He is also certified Type 1 Incident Commander, ICS Instructor, Facility Security Officer, Hazardous Material Technician, and a Master Exercise Practitioner.