

Captain Caroline Beckmann Senior Reserve Officer, Ninth Coast Guard District



Captain Beckmann assumed the duties of the Senior Reserve Officer for the Ninth Coast Guard District in August 2021, where she guides a team of over 400 reserve personnel conducting federal maritime safety and security, defense and law enforcement operations across the Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence Seaway, an area that encompasses eight states and a 1,500 mile international border.

Her career spans cutter operations, budgeting, implementation, and leadership roles in the fields of maritime safety, national defense, international maritime operations. Prior to joining the Ninth District as the Senior Reserve Officer, Captain Beckmann was the Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer for the Coast Guard Ninth District, where she was the principle expert directly integrated at FEMA Region 5 Regional Response Coordination Center. In her capacity, she supported, advised & enhanced all coordination efforts, resource planning and natural resource management between the District Nine Commander, and Regional Response Team Region 5 for contingency preparations and disaster responses to include oil discharges and hazardous substances and hazardous waste releases into the fresh-water environments.



She has held a wide range of past assignments including the Senior Reserve Officer for Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, the Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer for District One, the Reserve Department Advisor, Contingency Planning and Force Readiness at Sector Puget Sound, and a Contingency Planner and Force Readiness Manager at Sector Puget Sound, along with several cutter operations and deck watch officer underway positions. Captain Beckmann also completed a number of temporary assignments to include serving as the Federal Coordinator, assigned to the Bethesda Safe Haven Facility for Medically Fragile Refugees where she ensured the unity of effort with screening and processing of all arriving evacuees, and immigration processing services.

Captain Beckmann holds advanced degrees from the California State University, Dominguez Hills, and is also a distinguished graduate of the Naval War College, in Joint Professional Military Education. Captain Beckmann works in the Emergency Management field as a program manager for the Cleveland Clinic. She is married to Mr. Kirk Beckmann, an civil servant in the for the U.S. Coast Guard, and is the mother of two children. Her personal awards include the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, a Coast Guard Commendation Medal, and five Coast Guard Achievement Medals.