



U.S. Coast Guard 8th District



Rear Admiral Paul Thomas
Commander, 8th Coast Guard District

Commander's Philosophy

People: *Our strength resides in our people. Coast Guard assets are nothing without its people. We will take care of our crews so they can take care of the American public.*

Proficiency: *The execution centerpiece for achieving success and mission excellence is proficiency in leadership and craft.*

Partnerships: *Strong relationships with our partners are crucial to mission success.*

Resources

- 3,695 Active duty military
- 753 Military reservists
- 325 Civilians
- 4,300 Auxiliaries
- 7 Sectors
- 4 Air Stations
- 17 Aircraft
- 44 Cutters (>65')
- 15 Small boat stations
- 14 Aids to navigation teams
- 9 Marine Safety Units
- 3 Vessel Traffic Services

FY 17 Statistics

- 1,957 Search & rescue cases
 - » 285 Lives saved
 - » 961 Lives assisted
 - » \$12.6 mil Property saved
- 3,153 Pollution responses
- 6,720 Foreign-flag vessel exams
- 11,910 Domestic Vessel Inspections
- 4,989 Recreational safety boardings
- 1,120 Fishing Vessel Exams
- 32 Lanchas intercepted
- 4,707 Facility inspections
- 2,487 Marine casualty investigations
- 2,848 aids to navigation serviced
- 2,750 discrepancies corrected

Safety

- Search and Rescue
- Marine Safety
- Aids to Navigation

Security

- Illegal Drug Interdiction
- Migrant Interdiction
- Law Enforcement - Other
- Ports/Waterways/Coastal Security
- Defense Readiness

Stewardship

- Marine Environmental Protection
- Living Marine Resources

One District



Three regions

Inland Region

- All or part of 21 states covering more than 10,300 miles of waterways, which has a \$4.6 trillion economic impact.
- Including the Miss., Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee and Arkansas rivers, as well as their tributaries

Coastal Region

- All or part of 6 states
- More than 900 miles of coastline and 1,200 miles of Intracoastal Waterway
- 8th District ports in this region receive:
 - 27,000 deep draft vessel arrivals annually
 - 90,000 towing vessels transit per year

Offshore Region

- Captures the outer continental shelf oil and natural gas industry, spanning 179,000 square miles of the Gulf of Mexico
 - More than 6,500 oil and gas wells
 - More than 3,800 fixed platforms
 - More than 3,500 miles of subsea pipeline
 - More than 100 mobile offshore drilling units
 - More than 60 floating production installations



8th District Units

The 8th Coast Guard District, headquartered in New Orleans, covers all or part of 26 states throughout the Gulf Coast and Heartland of America. It stretches from the Appalachian Mountains and Chattahoochee River in the east, to the Rocky Mountains in the west, and from the Canadian border in North Dakota to the border between the U.S. and Mexico, and the Gulf of Mexico. The 8th District is home to two of the nation's busiest ports, New Orleans and Houston. More than two million barrels of oil and one million tons of cargo are imported daily. Fifteen of the top 25 busiest ports by tonnage are located in the 8th District. Additionally, more than 65 percent of the nation's liquefied natural gas activity and 11 percent of crude oil refining capacity are located in the Port Arthur/Lake Charles region alone. The Coast Guard provides effective maritime governance balancing economic efficiency with maritime safety, security and environmental stewardship through close coordination with a multitude of diverse public and private stakeholders throughout the Maritime Transportation System (MTS).

Sector Lower Mississippi River

Sector Lower Mississippi River is headquartered in Memphis, Tenn. It is comprised of all or portions of six states and has more than 2,000 miles of rivers including parts of the Lower Miss., Arkansas, Black/Ouachita, White, Red and Yazoo Rivers. At least \$50-60 billion worth of commerce a year flows along the main stem of the lower Mississippi River.

Sector Upper Mississippi River

Sector Upper Mississippi is headquartered in St. Louis, Mo. It encompasses more than 2,000 miles of commercially navigable rivers and 1,800 miles of tributary waterways including the Missouri, Illinois and Upper Mississippi Rivers. There are 33 locks, 238 bridges, and 7 major population centers.

Sector New Orleans

Sector New Orleans is headquartered in New Orleans, La. The Port of New Orleans is the largest port, per tonnage, in the United States and the third largest in the world with 316 million tons of cargo moving through each year onboard 5,500 foreign ship arrivals and 90,500 barge transits.

Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi

Sector Corpus Christi covers the southern portion of Texas and all of New Mexico. This includes two inland lakes, Lake Amistad and Falcon Lake. It shares an active international border with Mexico.

Sector Houston/Galveston

Sector Houston/Galveston is headquartered in Houston and covers parts of Texas and Louisiana, encompassing 180 miles of gulf coastlines. Ten of the top twenty gas and oil refineries in the U.S. reside within the Sector Houston-Galveston area, including Motiva Enterprises at Port Arthur, Texas, the largest refinery in the U.S.

Sector Ohio Valley

Sector Ohio Valley is headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky. The major rivers include the entire Ohio River and its tributaries, 250 miles of the Mississippi River, the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers, and the very northern portion of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. It has 3,000 miles of waterways for commercial navigation.

Sector Mobile

Sector Mobile is headquartered in Mobile, Ala and covers parts of Miss., Ala., Fla. and Ga. The sector includes 420 miles of the Gulf of Mexico coastline. It has 5 deepwater ports and large ship construction and ship repair industries and also includes 1,900 miles of inland waterways.