



Commanding Officer

LCDR Matthew Meskun currently serves as the Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Unit Baton Rouge, Louisiana, responsible for ensuring a safe, secure, and environmentally sound maritime domain that promotes recreation and the free flow of commerce on portions the Lower Mississippi River and Tributary System. He routinely partners with leaders from the maritime industry to help create synergistic solutions to enhance the safety and continued economic viability of the marine transportation system. Previously, LCDR Meskun was stationed at Sector San Juan, Puerto Rico as the Chief, Inspections Division, responsible for the safety and security of domestic vessels operating in the entire Caribbean Sea, as well as foreign vessels calling on Ports in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Other duty stations included a tour at Training Center Yorktown, instructing apprentice marine inspectors and investigators in their new craft; As the Chief of Prevention at Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh, responsible for regulating commercial vessel and facilities as well as responding to marine casualties and pollution incidents on the Ohio River and its tributaries; and at Sector Charleston, South Carolina where he conducted compliance exams on domestic and foreign registered ships calling on the Port of Charleston.

A native of Vermont, LCDR Meskun graduated from Maine Maritime Academy in 2000 with a B.S. in Marine Transportation Operations and earned a U.S. Coast Guard Third Mates's license, sailing on ships ranging from ocean tugs to deep draft ships before receiving a commission in the Coast Guard. Additionally, he earned an M.B.A. in 2005 from American Intercontinental University. LCDR Meskun has participated in the Coast Guard's highly competitive Investigation Industry Training program, where he spent 6 months working with maritime investigative agencies and the towing industry to improve Coast Guard practices. His military awards include the Coast Guard Coast Guard Commendation Medal (3), Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and various unit and team awards. He is authorized to wear the permanent Marine Safety Insignia. LCDR Meskun is married to Jennifer and they are the proud parents of their daughter Zoey.