



Captain Lonnie P. Harrison, JR.

Sector Commander

Sector Maryland – National Capital Region (NCR)



Captain Harrison leads CG operational forces in the execution & coordination of all maritime safety, security & environmental missions for the Maryland & National Capital Region. He also serves as the Captain of the Port (COTP); Federal On Scene Coordinator (FOSC); Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC); Officer in Charge of Marine Inspections (OCMI); & Search & Rescue Mission Coordinator (SMC). His most notable accomplishment was demonstrated through his leadership of Federal, State & Local forces as the Maritime Security Incident Commander for the 58th Presidential Inauguration. This effort involved hundreds of tactical land, sea & air resources & personnel from agencies throughout the US to ensure the weeklong event was successfully orchestrated without a single terrorist event or mishap.

From 2011-2015, Captain Harrison served at the CG Fifth District in Portsmouth, VA; Chief of Prevention & Chief of Waterways Management to oversee the Marine Transportation System (MTS) for the Mid-Atlantic region. He also played a critical role in post-storm MTS recovery of ports damaged by hurricanes SANDY & IRENE, & was awarded the DHS Secretary's Gold Medal for his role in the Syrian Weapons of Mass Destruction Decommissioning Task Force.

From 2008-2011, Captain Harrison was the Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Unit Savannah. He served as COTP, FOSC, FMSC, & OCMI for the state of Georgia & was instrumental in the stand-up of the 30+ agency Maritime Interagency Center for Operations.

Prior to Savannah, he was the Chief of Vessel Inspections at Sector Hampton Roads in Norfolk, Virginia (2005-2008) where he was selected to be the initial CG liaison to FEMA Region IV for Hurricane Katrina response operations. In 2007, he became the first CG officer to be professionally certified as an auditor by the International Register of Certificated Auditors & continues to serve as a U.S. representative for the United Nations International Maritime Organization, based in London, UK.

Captain Harrison served as the key U.S. delegate to the nine international maritime shipping regimes at CGHQ from 2001-2005, & led a team that helped develop national policy guidance for enforcement of the International Ship & Port Facility Security Code & the Maritime Transportation Security Act. He was also instrumental as a negotiator working with the State Department for the President's Nuclear Non-Proliferation Security Initiative.

His assignments from 1993-2001 included Marine Safety Office (MSO) New Orleans & MSO Tampa, where he performed the duties of a double-ended marine inspector & marine casualty investigator. Captain Harrison's first assignment was the Assistant Engineer Officer & Damage Control Assistant aboard the Coast Guard Cutter ALERT, a 210-foot cutter home-ported in Cape May, New Jersey, which was involved in the *Perfect Storm* in October 1991 that later became a critically acclaimed novel & movie.

He earned his commission & B.S. degree from U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1991, & later earned a M.S. degree from Tulane University in 1995. In 2012, he completed a Homeland Security Leadership program at Harvard Kennedy School.

He has been awarded the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal (3), Coast Guard Commendation Medal (3), Coast Guard Achievement Medal, & has earned the Marine Safety Insignia.

He is married to the former Julie Ortolano, a teacher, & has two sons, Zachary & Jacob, ages 20 & 17.