

Captain of the Port Boston - Commander Sector Boston

Captain Eric J. Doucette oversees all Coast Guard missions from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire state border, south to Manomet Point, Plymouth, MA, extending 200 nautical miles off shore. He is designated as Captain of the Port, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, Officer in Charge of Marine Inspections, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, and Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator. Captain Doucette commands 1,500 active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary personnel, and employs three cutters, and 22 boats across five Multi-mission Stations and an Aids to Navigation Team.

Previous to assuming Command of Sector Boston, Captain Doucette was assigned to the White House from 2016 to 2018 and served two Administrations as the Vice President's Special Advisor for Counterterrorism and Homeland Security. Prior to reporting to the Vice President's National Security Affairs staff, he was a Senior Fellow at the Homeland Security Studies and Analysis Institute in Falls Church, Virginia. From 2012 to 2015, he was Commanding Officer of the Atlantic Strike Team. In 2012 he was designated as the Incident Specific Federal on Scene Coordinator for Hurricane Sandy. From 2009 to 2012, he served as Chief of Response at Sector Long Island Sound.



In 1989, he enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserves and advanced to Port Security-man Second-Class at Station Burlington, Vermont. In 1991, he deployed with Port Security Unit 301 to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Storm. Upon graduation from Officer Candidate School in 1993, he was assigned to Group/COTP Long Island Sound, where he served as Search and Rescue Center Supervisor and Prevention Division Chief. In summer of 1996, he responded to the Trans World Airlines (TWA)-800 disaster and oversaw recovery and salvage operations. In 1997, he reported to the Pacific Strike Team as the Operations Officer and responded to disasters throughout the Western United States, Alaska and U.S. Pacific Territories. In 2000, he was assigned as the Chief of Port Operations at Marine Safety Office Portland Maine and following the attacks of 9/11 was assigned to recovery operations at the World Trade Center in New York City. Upon returning to Northern New England, he served as the Maritime Homeland Security Department Head for Maine and New Hampshire. In 2004, he reported to the newly established International Port Security Program and was designated as a Head of U.S. Delegation to assess foreign governments' implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code. In 2005, he was selected to serve as the Executive Assistant to the Assistant Commandant for Prevention and Compliance. In 2007, he was detailed to U.S. Pacific Command Headquarters, Honolulu, Hawaii as the Security Assistance Program Manager for Southeast Asia. He oversaw U.S. security cooperation programs and multi-year Foreign Military Sales acquisitions along with grant aid programs in support of American Embassies and Pacific partner nations.

Captain Doucette is a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) by the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) and is certified as a National Interagency Management System Type I Incident Commander. He has decades of crisis and incident management experience coordinating with federal state, industry and international partners to realize whole of government and community solutions to crises.

Captain Doucette was the 491st military service member authorized the Vice President Service Badge. He has earned permanent Coast Guard Marine Safety, Boat Forces, and the Port Security Insignias. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medal, the 9-11 Medal, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals and various other personal and unit awards.

Captain Doucette holds a Master of Arts Degree in International Affairs from American University's School of International Service, Washington, D.C. He is a 1992 graduate of Norwich University. He was born and raised in Massachusetts and is married to the former Kimberly Lynn Steffy of Barnegat, New Jersey. They have three children Ryan (15), Emily (12), and Zachary (6).