

Captain Eric J. Doucette

Chief of Staff, Ninth Coast Guard District

Captain Eric J. Doucette assumed the duties as the Chief of Staff for the Ninth Coast Guard District in July 2021. As the Chief of Staff, he directly supports Ninth District Commander and a workforce of 6,000 Coast Guard active duty, reserve, civilian, and auxiliary men and women. The Ninth District encompasses the Great Lakes, the Saint Lawrence Seaway, eight states, and a 1,500 mile international border with Canada.

Prior to reporting to the Ninth District, Captain Doucette was the Captain of the Port Boston and Commander Sector Boston where he oversaw all Coast Guard missions.

Captain Doucette is a renowned foreign policy and national security expert and served at the White House from 2016 to 2018 as Special Advisor to both Vice President Biden and Vice President Pence. He represented the Office of the Vice President for counter terrorism, homeland security, bio-defense, international organizations and engagement to 54 countries on the continent of Africa. 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, operated by ANSER. 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 Super Storm Sandy. From 2009 to 2012, he served as Chief of Response at Sector Long Island Sound. From 2007 to 2009 he was assigned to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command as the Security Assistance Officer to the eleven countries of Southeast Asia. In 2004 he served as Head of Delegation for the newly formed International Port Security Program. Prior operational assignments included Strike Teams, Marine Safety Offices, Groups, Port Security Units, and Small Boat Stations. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1989, and is a veteran of the Gulf War where he served in al-Jubail, Saudi Arabia with Port Security Unit 301.



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. His response experience includes key leadership roles at the World Trade Center Ground Zero following attacks of September 11, 2001, salvage of the NEW CARISSA, Coos Bay, Oregon 1999, Typhoon Paka in Guam 1997, and the 1996 TWA Flight 800 disaster offshore Long Island, New York. 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 holds a 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. He and his spouse Kimberly have been married for 25 years and have three children, Ryan, Emily, and Zachary.