

Commander Christopher L. Wright
United States Coast Guard



Commander Christopher L. Wright hails from Ocean City, NJ and transferred here from Sector San Diego, CA where he served as the Response Chief and Air Operations Officer. In this capacity, he oversaw all Coast Guard aviation and surface assets involved in search and rescue, law enforcement, and environmental protection operations for the greater San Diego area as well as the inland navigable waters of Arizona, Utah and Nevada.

Prior to his tour in San Diego, Commander Wright was an Aviation Safety Program Manager within the Safety Program Management Division at Coast Guard Headquarters (CG-1131), where he provided safety oversight and advocacy for all aviation assets, systems, and missions while also serving as the aviation-specific service center manager for fleet commands and flight safety officers. During his last year in this assignment, Commander Wright served as the Safety Program Management Division Chief where he managed the post mishap analysis process for all major Coast Guard accidents and oversaw Coast Guard-wide safety policy, risk management, assurance, and promotional activities.

As a Coast Guard Helicopter Flight Examiner, Instructor Pilot, and Aircraft Commander, Commander Wright has accumulated over 3,200 flight hours in the MH-60 flying homeland security, law enforcement, fisheries, and search and rescue operations on both the East and West coasts. Operational assignments include Air Station Cape Cod, MA where he served as the senior Flight Safety Officer, and Air Station Clearwater, FL where he supported migrant interdiction and counter drug operations throughout the Caribbean. His initial assignment was as a Deck Watch Officer aboard the USCGC KUKUI, homeported in Honolulu, HI.

Commander Wright is a 2001 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor in Marine and Environmental Science, and is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Flight Training School in Pensacola, Florida where he earned his naval aviator “wings of gold” in 2005. He also holds a Master in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a Master of Science in Quality Systems Management from the National Graduate School. Commander Wright holds Federal Aviation Administration Airline Transport Pilot and Commercial Pilot licenses, and has obtained qualifications in Advanced Search and Rescue, Airborne Use of Force, Basic Fast Rope, and Shipboard Deck Landing operations.

Commander Wright is married to the former Jamie Cronenberger from Los Gatos, CA. They are the proud parents of one daughter, Skye, and are eagerly awaiting the birth of their baby boy in early August.