

USCG Station Michigan City

SMALL BOAT STATION
Est. 1888

Date sheet filled out: 30OCT2020 District: 9

Mailing Address:

Officer In Charge
Attn: (Your Name)
USCG Station Michigan City
10 On The Lake
Michigan City, IN 46360

Unit Phone Number: (219)879-8371



Directions from the nearest highway:

- From the East:
 - 1) I-94 W into Indiana
 - 2) Exit onto off-ramp at exit 40B to US-20 W (US-35 N)
 - 3) Continue onto US-20 W (US-35 N)
 - 4) Continue onto US-35 (Michigan Blvd)
 - 5) Bear left onto US-12 (Michigan Blvd)
 - 6) Turn right onto Pine Dr towards Washington Park
 - 7) Bear right onto Franklin Street and cross the drawbridge
 - 8) Turn right at the monument and get into the left lane
 - 9) Make a U-Turn and follow the road past the monument and past memorial circle to the Coast Guard Station
- From the West:
 - 1) I-94 E into Indiana
 - 2) Bear right onto off-ramp at exit 34B to US-421
 - 3) Bear right onto US-421
 - 4) Continue onto US-421 as it turns into Franklin St.
 - 5) Turn right onto 11th St.
 - 6) Turn left onto Pine St. and follow as it crosses US-12
 - 7) Bear right onto Franklin Street and cross the drawbridge
 - 8) Turn right at the monument and get into the left lane
 - 9) Make a U-Turn and follow the road past the monument and past memorial circle to the Coast Guard Station

Unit's Missions: Search and Rescue (SAR), Law Enforcement (LE), Ice Rescue, Maritime Safety and Response Operations (MSRO), Public Relations

Boat Resources:

- RBM 45701
- RBSII 29343
- SKF 151635

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Typical SA/SN Assignment: *Communications Watch Stander, RBSII/RBM Boat crewmember, Boarding Team Member, Ice Rescuer. Certification deadlines are assigned and rigorously enforced.*

Typical FA/FN Assignment: *Communications Watch Stander, RBSII/RBM Boat crewmember, Boarding Team Member, Ice Rescuer, RBM Engineer. Certification deadlines are assigned and rigorously enforced.*

Ratings Present at Unit: *BM, MK, SK*

General Area of Response (AOR): *STA Michigan City is responsible for Lake Michigan's South West corner, responding to cases from our most east point, Warren Dunes, MI to our most west point, Ogden Dunes, IN. On average Michigan City carries out an annual average of 70 SAR cases and 300 LE boardings.*

Duty Rotations: *Port and Starboard; two days on, two days off, every other weekend. Those who first report will be day working until certified Communications Watch Stander.*

Reporting Procedures: *Reporting Procedures tasked in "Welcome Aboard" message. If reporting on a weekend or after the workday (0800 – 1600 CT), report to Officer of the Day. Report in Tropical Blues dress uniform if reporting from May – October, report in Service Dress Blues 'Bravo' if reporting November – April.*

Normal Workday Uniform: *Operational Dress Uniforms (ODU's)*

Average Temperature: *75 – 90 Degrees Fahrenheit in the summer, 10 – 35 Degrees Fahrenheit in the winter. Bring ODU appropriate base layers and extra watch caps and gloves fit for cold seasons. You will be issued necessary PPE for Ice Rescue missions and training.*

Additional Station information: *STA Michigan City is 10,396 square feet. There are seven berthings equipped with 4 racks, each rack has a wardrobe locker assigned to it designed to comfortably store a little more than the contents of one full sea bag.*

Michigan City and Surrounding Cities: *Michigan City is an older town with a population around 31,000. Popular neighboring cities include La Porte, Valparaiso, Chesterton, Portage, and Long Beach. The Illinois boarder is about 42 miles away, with Chicago, IL being roughly 58 miles from the station. The Michigan boarder is only 7 miles away with the popular town of New Buffalo, MI being about 10 miles from the station.*

Housing: *All Active Duty personnel attached to the unit live off of the economy, government owned housing is not available. Apartments within a 25 mile radius range from \$650 - \$1300 per month. The 2020 Housing Allowance (BAH) for E2/E3 without dependents is \$963, E2/E3 with dependents is \$1230. 10 days of Temporary Lodging Expense (TLE) is authorized while searching for an apartment after you arrive in town. It is recommended you speak with the XPO to ensure you understand TLE rules and restrictions. Approval to reside at the Station temporarily is given from the Executive Petty Officer and is on a case-by-case basis.*

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Religious Denominations in the Area: *All, very diverse community.*

Nearest Exchange: *Great Lakes Naval Training Center is 93 miles NW of the station and the USCG Sector Field Office is 115 miles NE of the station.*

Medical and Dental Facilities: *Because of STA Michigan City's remoteness, employees here will transfer over to Tricare Prime Remote and will be able to use local medical and dental providers.*

Sustenance: *There is no CS on board at STA Michigan City but there is a Galley available for you to use as needed with stove tops, flat tops, ovens, refrigerators, and freezers. There is even a dry storage locker available just across from the galley. While employed here at STA Michigan City, your Basic Allowance for Sustenance (BAS) will be deposited into your bank account, along with your paycheck and BAH.*

Additional Information: *Michigan City is a thriving community established 1836, with a violent reputation. Due to recent political events we encourage you to not transit outside of the station in uniform, but do note that Michigan City displays quite the support and appreciation for their Coastguardsmen. Neighboring cities, like Valparaiso and La Porte, are better known for their safer neighborhoods. The Lighthouse Premium Outlets is a popular outdoor shopping mall less than a mile away from the station. Franklin St is full of businesses and eateries both local and nationwide, it definitely proves itself as the hub of Michigan City. Many nature preserves and hiking trails surround Michigan City, The Indiana Dunes State Park being one of the largest in the area.*

Schooling: *Tuition Assistance (TA) is provided to those who apply, and enrolling into online college courses is encouraged. The application for TA and the enrollment for college courses cannot be approved without the Command involvement. Applications for TA and college courses will most likely not be approved by Command until completion of qualifications and/or Command recognition for proficient adaptability and certification.*