

WHAT WE DO

Sector Command Central Pacific is a multi-mission unit that provides a variety of services to the American Public, including: (1) Homeland Security; (2) Search & Rescue; (3) Enforcement of applicable federal laws; (4) Maritime Safety; (5) Environmental Protection; and (6) Port and Waterways Management, including Hawaii shore-based Aids-to-Navigation (ATON).

Specifically, we:

1. Safeguard vessels, harbors, ports & waterfront facilities from destruction, loss or injury from sabotage or subversive acts, accidents, disasters, & similar causes;
2. Prevent the introduction through the ports, persons, articles or things of mass destruction adverse to national security;
3. Administer navigation & vessel inspection laws, rules & regulations;
4. License & certificate merchant seamen and other persons required to be licensed;
5. Investigate marine casualties & prosecute violations of law, negligence, misconduct, and incompetence;
6. Prevent & abate water pollution by oil & other hazardous materials;
7. Ensure military readiness;
8. Conduct boardings to detect violations and otherwise enforce the laws and regulations pertaining to inspected and uninspected commercial vessels;
9. Enforce Laws and Treaties of the U.S.;
10. Promote maritime safety including Search & Rescue (SAR) and SAR prevention through Recreational Boating Safety education;
11. Provide short-range aids to navigation.

WHERE WE WORK

- a. The Sector Command serves a broad expanse of the Pacific that includes all U.S. waters and out to 200 nautical miles. In all, this comprises some 276,000 square miles. We also manage the District's drug/alcohol program over 14 million miles (an equivalent size of the U.S. mainland.)
- b. Our operational area of responsibility includes the State of Hawaii, the islands and atolls of the Hawaiian Island Chain and American Samoa. Islands and atolls include Wake Island, Midway Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Palmyra Atoll, Jarvis Island, Baker Island, Howland Island, and all of the adjacent waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone for each island, atoll and reef. For licensing and documentation, this includes Guam, New Zealand, Australia, Kawajalien, and the Philippines.

HOW TO REACH US

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**United States
Coast Guard**



U.S. COAST GUARD



Sector Central Pacific

*(merger of former
Marine Safety Office
and Group Honolulu)*

This guide is a summary of information.
Consult applicable regulations and references
for actual cite and official requirements.

HOW WE ARE ORGANIZED

1. Sector Central Pacific consists of five divisions, including: Workforce Support & Logistics, Operational Readiness, Ops & Response, Prevention and Waterways Management & Security.
2. The Command is a subordinate unit of the Fourteenth CG District and a tenant of CG Integrated Support Command, Honolulu, HI. Our facility on CG Base Sand Island houses our maritime security, readiness, and search & rescue assets. Pier 4 houses our prevention (vessel inspection & investigation), and workforce support staffs.
3. Our Integrated Command Center serves as our operational apex for our unit. It operates 24/7 and acts as a “nerve center” where the Port Commander can track & observe all CG activities.

WHO WE ARE

The Sector Command totals nearly 300 active duty & reserve members, including: 39 officers, 79 enlisted personnel, 31 reservists & 6 civilians in the parent command, and more than 80 personnel from sub-unit Stations, Cutters & the Aids to Navigation Team. We are among the first of several prototype Sector Commands that provide “one-stop shopping” for CG services, and were created from the former Marine Safety Office and Group. CG Auxiliarists, the volunteer arm of the unit, number more than 60 active members who provide services across these missions.

REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

The Commander of Sector Central Pacific wears several statutory & regulatory “hats”:

Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC): As prescribed by the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA), duties include, but are not limited to: establishing/directing the Area Maritime Security (AMS) Committee as well as developing, maintaining, exercising, & implementing the AMS Plan. Also serves as Port Facility Security Officer under the ISPS (International Ship & Port Security) Code.

Captain of the Port (COTP) Honolulu: Directs law enforcement & enforces regulations for the protection & security of vessels, harbors, ports, waterways, bridges, waterfront facilities, anchorages, safety & security zones; has authority to secure an area when those with primary responsibility fail to provide proper protection for a vessel or facility; may stipulate to a master, agent, owner or operator the measures or actions to protect a vessel or facility; controls the anchorage & movement of any US or foreign vessel in the territorial waters of the US, as to ensure the safety and security of any US Naval vessels that may be present.

Harbor Defense Commander (HDC): When designated by the Maritime Defense Zone Commander (MARDEFCON), the COTP may serve as the Harbor Defense Commander.

Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection (OCMI): Charged with the inspection, enforcement, and administration of navigation & vessel inspection laws, rules & regulations governing marine safety. This includes those relating to construction, equipment, manning & operation, and to be satisfied that such vessels are seaworthy; shipyard inspections; factory inspections of materials & equipment; licensing, certification, transport & discharge of seamen; investigations of marine accidents; enforcement of navigation, vessel inspection & seamen laws in general.

Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC): Responsible for coordinating & directing federal responses to oil spills or chemical releases in the coastal zone under the National Contingency Plan.

Commander, Sector Central Pacific: Responsible for the overall management & leadership of all missions & personnel assigned to the unit.

The Deputy Commander of Sector Central Pacific also currently serves as:

Commander, CG [Legacy] Group: Responsible for missions ranging from search & rescue, to living marine resources, to maritime safety, to enforcement of laws & treaties.
