



Captain Charles L. Cashin

Chief of Staff, 17th Coast Guard District



Captain Charles L. Cashin currently serves as the Chief of Staff for the Seventeenth Coast Guard District. Headquartered in Juneau, Alaska, the 17th District encompasses an area of nearly four million square miles of the Pacific and Arctic Oceans including the Bering Sea. The District is responsible for the performance of every Coast Guard mission, but has a strong focus toward safety of life at sea, environmental protection and marine safety.

Captain Cashin is a native of Chelmsford, Mass., and served aboard seven cutters, commanding three of them.

Captain Cashin has experience with every Coast Guard mission including law enforcement, search and rescue, homeland security and defense operations. These efforts are highlighted by security operations protecting the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Terminal at Valdez, Alaska, following the attacks of September 11th, deployments to the Far-East in support of United Nations' conventions and the Middle-East where he conducted counter-piracy, narcotics and terrorism operations.

Captain Cashin specializes in national policy with a focus toward counterterrorism, homeland and cyber security. Previously, Captain Cashin served as Vice President Biden's Special Advisor for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism. In this capacity, Captain Cashin collaborated with agencies across the Intelligence Community to provide Executive Leadership with timely counsel and policy recommendations for foreign and domestic issues. Prior to serving in the White House, Captain Cashin served as the Director of the Coast Guard's National Command Center located in Washington, DC.

Previous assignments also include duty as the Chief of the Office of Mission Analysis, chief of operations for Marine Safety Office/Group Los Angeles-Long Beach, Calif., and engineering officer, Integrated Support Command San Pedro, Calif.

Captain Cashin is a 1988 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He also holds a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University and a Master of National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College.

Captain Cashin recently served as the Coast Guard Fellow to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City.