



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD STATION SAND KEY COMMAND PHILOSOPHY



Safety: is the elimination or control of a hazard to obtain an acceptable level of risk. Nothing is more important than personal safety both on and off duty. I want an environment that *promotes and encourages communication* amongst all crewmembers so that no one will hesitate to speak up when they see a dangerous or unsafe situation developing. By asking that question or making that observation, you may break the ‘chain of events’ leading to a personal injury or small boat accident.

Take care of your Family and Shipmates. Our strength is our people; we must all take care of our fellow Shipmates, reaching down to pull others up to ensure their continued personal and professional development. Our families and communities allow us to carry out our missions knowing all is well at home – prepare and reach out to your family and community, so they will be there to support you. Always adhere to our Coast Guard core values – they will

Core Values

- Honor
- Respect
- Devotion
To Duty

Training and Master your Craft. Take pride in your job, strive for proficiency and work together as a team. Together we can combine our collective talents, guided by our principals of operations, striving for operational excellence and providing the impact of many agencies in one. There is no greater calling than serving the community in which you live therefore, it is imperative that each member be fully qualified in their perspective position. Training is not just a task yet the potential loss of life if we are not prepared to answer the call.

Principals of Coast Guard Operations

- Clear Objective
- Effective Presence
- Unity of Effort
- On-Scene Initiative
- Flexibility
- Managed Risk

Maintenance. It is imperative that all of our assets be “Fully Mission Capable” in order to meet any mission as so authorized or directed by proper authority. Ensuring all of our assets are fully mission-capable allows us to answer the call. Preventative maintenance, depot level maintenance, repairs, and cleanliness are critical. Every task performed regardless of rating contributes to the mission. No matter how small the job, it is all-important. Our readiness depends on our ability to maintain our equipment, train our bodies, and train our minds.

“It is with great pride that I have been given the opportunity to work among you. Our job as shipmates is to ensure through effective leadership and personal ownership that we adhere to those values we hold dear. “Be proud of yourself, be proud of your crew, be proud of your station and be proud of your service.””

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