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1. Welcome aboard and congratulations on your assignment to USCG Station Lorain, OH. Your sponsor will be _____ and can be reached at 440-288-1207 between the hours of 0800-1600, Monday – Friday. The Station's Officer in Charge (OIC) is BMC Crochet, the Executive Petty Officer (XPO) is BM1 Adkisson, and the Engineering Petty Officer (EPO) is MKC Gilkey. The Station is located at the entrance of the Black River in Lorain, OH. This is a multi mission station, it performs Search and Rescue, Maritime Law Enforcement, Homeland Security, and during the winter months Ice Rescue. The area of responsibility extends from Avon Lake, OH to Vermillion, OH and out to the Canadian Border. Currently the boats attached are one 41' UTB and one 25'RB-S, a 45'RB-M is scheduled to arrive this summer and will replace the UTB. Be prepared to become a vital member of the unit. Your first few months will be focused on qualifying as Watchstander, Boarding Team Member, and Boat Crew. The duty rotation is Port and Starboard with sliding weekends.
 2. [Lorain](#) is located 30 miles west of [Cleveland](#), OH on the shores of Lake Erie. Recreational boating and fishing are a major attraction during the summer months. Cleveland is the closest major city and is a center of industry and commerce with headquarters to some of America's largest corporations. Cleveland has 17,000 acres of [parks](#), numerous cultural offerings such as the world famous [Cleveland Orchestra](#), [Cleveland Playhouse](#), [Great Lakes Science Center](#), [Cleveland Museum of Natural History](#), and the [Rock and Roll Hall of Fame](#). The Cleveland area is home to numerous sports teams including the [Cleveland Indians](#), [Cleveland Browns](#), [Cleveland Cavaliers](#), [Cleveland Gladiators](#), [The Lake Erie Monsters](#), and the [Lake Erie Crushers](#). Information concerning housing can be found at the following websites:
<http://www.loraincounty.com>
<http://www.ahrn.com/>
 3. Station Lorain is under the Operational Command of Sector Buffalo, NY. The Command Center can be reached at 716-843-9525. The Servicing Personnel Officer (SPO) can be reached at 716-843-9347. Cleveland is home to the Ninth Coast Guard District and Base Cleveland; their offices are located in the [A. J. Celebrezze Federal Building](#). The Health, Safety, and Work-Life (HSWL) staff can be reached at 800-872-4957 ext 309. The Ninth District Chaplain is LCDR Plummer, 216-902-6006; if unavailable contact the duty chaplain at 216-902-6117 or for an emergency call 800-273-TALK (8255). The Relocation Manager, Mr. Bill Schmidt, can be reached at 216-902-6355. Medical and Dental services for both Active Duty and Dependents is through [Tri-Care Prime Remote](#). For any medical emergencies while in route call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Room.
 4. In order to ensure you have a smooth transition to Station Lorain provide your sponsor with a leave address, phone number, and travel arrangements. If your sponsor is unavailable ask to speak with the Officer of the Day (OOD) or the XPO. Messing and onboard housing is NOT available. You will be living on the economy and receiving Basic Allowance for Housing ([BAH](#)), enter zip code 44052. If you have any issues or concerns with travel, family, or relocating inform your sponsor or the XPO immediately. Good luck and congratulations on your assignment to USCG Station Lorain, OH.

Welcome,

Logan Adkisson, BM1
Executive Petty Officer
U.S. Coast Guard