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Mr. Dana Goward is Director, Marine Transportation Systems. His directorate is responsible for a wide variety of navigation safety and security functions including Aids to Navigation, Domestic and Polar Ice Operations, Waterways Management, Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning, and permitting for Bridges that span navigable waters. Prior assignments include service as Director, Assessment, Integration and Risk Management, and Director of Maritime Domain Awareness Program Integration.



Mr. Goward served as an active duty Coast Guard officer for 29 years. His military assignments included service as Operations Officer aboard an offshore patrol vessel; Chief Civil Penalty Magistrate for the Gulf Coast, Caribbean and Inland River System; Director of Human Resources for the Eighth Coast Guard District; and Chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Boat Forces. In the latter position he led the world's largest public safety and security boat operation with over 1,700 vessels and 9,000 people. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for leading the transformation of the U.S. Coast Guard's boat operations.

A majority of his military career, however, was spent as a helicopter pilot serving in the Caribbean, Great Lakes and on both coasts before being assigned as Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station New Orleans. He is the recipient of the Air Medal and Helicopter Association International's Igor Sikorsky Award for Humanitarian Service for the rescue of two fishermen during the height of a hurricane. He has also been recognized for his creation of the Coast Guard's Helicopter Rescue Swimmer program.

Mr. Goward is a 1974 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. He holds a Master's Degree from the Naval Post Graduate School and a certificate in Human Performance from the University of New Orleans.