

USCG Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise

Mr. James Garzon

Mr. James Garzon was assigned to stand up and establish the U.S. Coast Guard Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise in July of 2008. He has been in the Coast Guard for 17 years and holds the rank of Commander in the United States Coast Guard Reserves.

- 2008 - Present USCG, Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise, Ft Lauderdale
- 2004 - 2007 USCG, Sector Miami (CVE Course Administrator)
- 2001 - 2007 USCG, Sector Miami (Port State Control Officer)
- 1996 - 1998 USCG, Activities New York (Response Duty Officer)
- 1995 - 1996 USCG, Officer Candidate School, 1995 (commissioned officer)
- 1994 - 1995 USCG, Cape May New Jersey

Notable incident & response experience:

- 1996 - USCG, TWA Flight 800 response / recovery (duty officer)
- 2001 - USCG, Sept 11, Command Center 24hr. Duty, MSO Miami
- 2002 - USCG, APL Jade / Green Peace intercept at sea response, (Duty Officer)
- 2002 - USCG, Global Maritime Distress Signal – Front End Analysis Advisor
- 2003 - USCG, Cruise Ship explosion / NTSB, liaison COTP Miami
- 2005 - USCG, Chalks Airways Airline crash / recovery NTSB, COTP Miami
- 2007 - USCG, Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise, Miami
- 2008 - USCG, ISO 9001 Auditor Certification
- 2009 - USCG, JC Instructor Certification
- 2010 - USCG, worldwide shipyard / underway assignments

- 2007 - 2008 - U.S. Coast Guard Sector Miami, GS-12 (Port Security Specialist)
 - Mass Rescue Operations (technical advisor)
 - Port Facility Security Plans (technical advisor)
 - Area Contingency Plan (technical advisor)
 - Area Maritime Security Committee (advisor)

Areas of Emphasis: Mr. Jim Garzon holds a 4 year Degree from Montclair State University in New Jersey. He is a certified Coast Guard instructor and teaches fire fighting, structural fire protection, International Ship & Port Facility Security (ISPS) code and Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act of 2010 (CVSSA). He represented the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Embassy in Nassau, Bahamas during the pre-implementation of the newly adopted ISPS Code. Mr. Garzon is an authorized Flight Instructor and holds a commercial pilot certification; he enjoys swimming and reading.