

Today, more than 1,900 members of Team Coast Guard work in the services largest area of responsibility, the 14th District. While the district is the geographically the largest in the service, it is also the smallest in terms of personnel and assets.

The districts search and rescue area of responsibility encompasses over 12.2 million square miles of land and sea in the Central Pacific Ocean. The Freely Associated States of Federated Micronesia, Republic of Marshall



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Islands, and the Republics of Palau and Kiribati are all contained within our internationally designated search and rescue region.

Search and rescue planners at the Joint Rescue Coordination

Center respond to distress calls within an area that is about two-and-a-half times larger than the continental U.S. Available search assets can include anything from passing fishing vessels, C-130 Hercules fixed-wing aircraft and H-65 Dolphin helicopters from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point, or other military vessels and aircraft. Using the Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER), civilian ships that are tran-

siting an area where assistance is needed can also be called upon to help.

The Fourteenth District Marine Safety Division supports units spread over a massive 23.1 million square mile area.

The Marine Safety Offices in Honolulu and Guam, along with the Marine Safety Detachments in American Samoa and Saipan, inspect merchant vessels and port facilities, and investigate marine casualties. The offices in Honolulu and Guam also license merchant mariners. The Marine Inspection Office in Japan and its Detachment in Singapore inspect merchant vessels in Asia and the Indian subcontinent as far away as Diego Garcia.

Our cutters patrol the Pacific Ocean enforcing the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, which controls foreign fishing within the 200-mile exclusive economic zones of U.S. territories. They also interdict vessels which attempt to smuggle illegal migrants into the U.S. or use illegal high-seas drift nets.

Our fleet of buoy tenders, and personnel from the aids to navigation team based on Sand Island, maintain more than 500 navigational aids and help light the islands by maintaining seven lighthouses throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

14th District cutters deploy with U.S. Navy battle groups in support of peacekeeping missions. We also exercise with our Pacific Rim partners and conduct readiness training with the U.S. Navy in warfare and seamanship.



Honolulu



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