

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT



Operations Officer, LT Ben Norcross

MISSION: Operations Department gives MOHAWK her purpose, her reason for existence. We tell her where to and how fast to get there. We ensure that she is in the right place at the right time to stop that load of cocaine from reaching the streets of the U.S., to save the life of a wayward sailor, to defend the shores of our homeland. We make MOHAWK the Lifesaver, Enforcer, and Defender that we the crew, the Coast Guard, and the American public are proud of.



Navigation Division

The Navigation Division is primarily responsible for the safe and proper navigation and piloting of MOHAWK. The Nav team advises the Commanding Officer and Officer of the Deck as to the ship's movements and safe courses to steer. They also maintain, procure and correct all navigational charts, tools critical for proper navigation. Standing Quartermaster of the Watch and navigation billets during Special Sea Detail, the Nav team ensures an accurate plot of the ship's position is maintained by "all available means of navigation".



Combat Information Division

Combat Information Center (CIC) division, oversees the command and control center for the ship. They maintain secondary navigation plot during normal underway steaming and special evolutions. They control cutter small boats while underway as well as deployed aircraft when airborne. Combat communicates with boarding teams and aircrew, as well as with MOHAWK's tactical control during law enforcement operations. The division provides tactics briefings while deployed, analyzing actionable intelligence, identifying targets of interest or patrol locations and making recommendations for daily operations.



Communications (COMMS) Division

Radio provides secure ship to shore communications via voice and data. Over 2,000 messages a month arrive at the cutter from all over the Coast Guard via various communications circuits. MOHAWK generates approximately 50 messages a month to other units, requesting supplies, welcoming new personnel, reporting equipment casualties, sending situation reports, and miscellaneous administrative traffic. Most of the work done is classified and is an integral part of national security. Without COMMS, there are no operations.



Weapons Division

MOHAWK's Weapons Division is responsible for the maintenance and operation of all onboard weapons systems including the MK 75 76mm main battery, the MK 36 chaff decoy launching system, crew served M-2 .50cal machine guns and M-240 7.62mm machine guns. In addition, the division provides training in the use of Coast Guard small arms and pyrotechnics.



Electronics/Information Systems Division

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