

Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston
Marine Safety Unit Galveston
Vessel Traffic Service Houston-Galveston

Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Establishment of Regional Command Duty Officer

August 25, 2004

Regional Command Duty Officer (RCDO): September 7, 2004 will mark the beginning of a single Marine Safety and Security watch. This watch will provide a single contact point for the ports of Freeport, Galveston, Houston, and Texas City. The RCDO watch will be physically located at the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office in Houston, TX. In addition to addressing all questions after hours, the RCDO is the primary contact for Pre-wash scheduling, or reporting of security incidents, spills, collisions, or other emergencies. The RCDO is available 24 hours a day / 7 days a week at (713) 671-5100 (option "0") or fax (713) 671-5177. This change will not affect routine issues, such as scheduling an inspection or regulatory questions.

Part of this change is to direct **all** calls regarding Advanced Notice of Arrivals (ANOA), Deviations, Operational Controls, Stowaway/Crew Control Security Plans, and the daily Cleared to Enter Lists to the MSO Houston-Galveston Arrivals Branch at (713) 671-5184. The branch operates from 0700 to 1530 seven days a week. Questions outside of these hours will be handled by the RCDO at (713) 671-5100.

Quick Reference Numbers:

MSO Houston-Galveston 24/7: (713) 671-5100

MSO Houston-Galveston Arrivals Branch: Monday–Sunday, 0700–1530, direct (713) 671-5184

Marine Safety Unit Galveston: Monday–Friday, 0800-1630 (409) 766-5400

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