



Captain Frederick “Fritz” Wasco Ninth Coast Guard District, Senior Reserve Officer



Captain Frederick “Fritz” Wasco assumed the duties as Senior Reserve Officer, in January 2015.

Prior to this he served as the Incident Management Logistics Reserve Officer, Ninth Coast Guard District, Cleveland. While there, he provided support to multiple response efforts including the Chicago NATO Summit and numerous readiness exercises, while also training reservists towards surge support certification.

A native of Edgeworth, Pennsylvania, Captain Wasco has been in the Coast Guard for 28 years having enlisted in 1986, where he worked as a Public Affairs Specialist prior to acceptance into the Reserve Officer Indoctrination program in 1990. He served in Reserve Units Cleveland and Lake Erie prior to the Reserve Program restructuring in 1995. Later, he served in operations and communications at notional Port Security Unit 302, Port Clinton, OH and conducted Marine Safety and Security operations at legacy Marine Safety Offices Detroit, MI and Toledo, OH. Captain Wasco was then assigned to Planning and Force Readiness, Ninth Coast Guard District just prior to his assignment as Senior Reserve Officer, Sector Lower Mississippi River, Memphis, TN. While there, he was instrumental in the reserve surge response and transportation resiliency efforts on the Mississippi River during western river flood response.

As a civilian, Captain Wasco works for the Contingency Planning Branch, Ninth Coast Guard District as the Preparedness Specialist and Interim Port Recovery Specialist. In this capacity, he conducts all-hazards contingency planning, ICS certification, and has supported incident management operations in Haiti Earthquake Recovery, Red River of the North floods in Moorehead Minnesota and oil recovery operations in Marshall, Michigan. He also provides support to pollution, security, continuity of operations, and mass rescue exercises.

Captain Wasco’s decorations include two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Achievement Medals and four Commandant’s Letters of Commendation. He also received Unit and Team Commendations, the Humanitarian Service Medal and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with multiple longevity and mobilization devices. Captain Wasco holds Bachelor of Science Degrees in Business Administration and Journalism from Chancellor University of Cleveland, OH and Kent State University, Kent, OH.

He is married to the former Ellen Tabak of University Heights, Ohio. They have a daughter, Dr. Lindsey Wasco-Crist, Clinical Pharmacist and Associate Professor Notre Dame of Maryland University, a son, Charles, Educator, Nordon Hills City Schools OH, and a son, Carson, a student.