

# USCG Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise

## LT Derricka F. De Jean

LT De Jean reported aboard the CSNCOE in April 2014 with 8 years of experience in the Coast Guard Marine Safety Field including:

- 2011-2014: Marine Safety Unit Texas City: Chief, Investigations Division/Senior Investing Officer and interim Chief of Prevention. Oversaw 700+ marine casualty & suspension and revocation investigations.
- 2009-2011: Coast Guard Activities Europe: Marine Inspector. Traveled to over 15 countries conducting foreign vessel examinations, domestic vessel inspections and life saving equipment inspections.
- 2006-2009: Sector Guam: Marine Inspector and Investigating Officer. Conducted foreign vessel examinations, small passenger vessel inspections, marine casualty investigations and suspension and revocation proceedings.
- 2006: (March-July): Officer Candidate School

Major Incident response & Experience includes the following:

- 2007: Oily Water Separator Bypass investigation on board the S/S MAJ Stephen W. Pless. Resulted in federal criminal convictions and suspension and revocation proceedings
- 2008: Garnered federal conviction in falsification of a federal license and providing a false statement to a federal law enforcement officer
- 2011: Coast Guard led Joint NTSB investigation of the collision between the T/V NATICINA and UTV Alliance
- 2011: Assisted in the initial investigation of the major marine casualty collision between the T/V ELKA APOLLON and M/V MSC NEDERLAND
- 2013: COC renewal and IMO detention of CARNIVAL TRIUMPH
- 2014: Coast Guard led joint NTSB Investigation of the major marine casualty collision between the M/V SUMMERWIND and the UTV MISS SUSAN. This collision resulted in the discharge of 168,000 gallons of heavy fuel oil into the Houston Ship Channel

Area of Emphasis: Port State Control, Domestic vessels, Marine Casualty Investigations and Suspension and Revocation proceedings. LT De Jean has earned 11 marine safety qualifications during her eight years in the marine safety field. She holds two bachelor's degrees in International Relations and Spanish language from Mercer University and is currently pursuing a Masters in Science degree in Education from Keiser University.