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Commander Mike Odom

Marine Board of Investigation Technical Advisor

U.S. Coast Guard

Commander Odom has been assigned to CG-5P-TI, Traveling Marine since June as 2014 with an emphasis on Safety Management System auditing, Critical Area Inspection Program, and Alternate Compliance Program Inspections.

As the Chief of Inspection in Sector Delaware Bay, he oversaw an inspection division of nearly 50 people to include the Marine Safety Detachment in Lewes Delaware. The operations included 75 regulated facilities, 230 small passenger vessels, deep draft drydock and new construction projects totaling one billion in annual revenue including construction of two Aframax size Jones Act Tankers from Aker Shipbuilding at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and over 2500 foreign vessel arrival per year.

During the stand up of the National Centers of Expertise (NCOE), Cmdr. Odom was assigned as the National Technical Advisor for the Gas Carrier NCOE. Shortly after reporting the Deepwater Horizon marine casualty response resulted in his 90 day deployment to British Petroleum Katy Texas Campus where he acted as an advisor on the technical team providing daily progress updates in the development of the capping stack to the National Incident Commander.

Serving as the Chief of Prevention in Port Arthur Texas, Cmdr. Odom lead the Inspection and Investigation Division as the Office in Charge Marine Inspection. He supervised hundreds of savage operations after hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ike and managed the second largest Outer Continental Shelf Zone in the Gulf of Mexico. He participated in the initial certification for the first Liquefied Natural Gas receiving terminal to begin operation in the U.S. in 25 years. The Gulf Gateway Energy Bridge included a design of a subsea buoy system connected to first in type Liquefied Gas Carriers with the ability to regas and flow directly into the pipeline system from a distant offshore terminal.

While assignment to Marine Safety Office New Orleans, and after becoming a double ended Marine Inspector, he lead overseas inspections on Offshore Supply Vessels throughout South and Central America. After the 9/11 attacks he was among the first Marine Inspectors to qualify as Boarding Team Member and routinely deployed on various Coast Guard platforms as "M Rider" participating in security compliance boarding's throughout the Gulf of Mexico prior to the development of Marine Transportation Security Act Regulations.

Cmdr. Odom entered the Coast Guard in 1983 and was a Fireman Apprentice when initially assigned to serve on board the CGC Boutwell in the Main Propulsion Department. He received his Commission initially as Warrant Officer in 1999 which marked the beginning of his career in Marine Safety, in 2003 he received a Lieutenant Commission through the Warrant to Lieutenant Program. He received a Associates of Science Degree from the University of New York in 1995.

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