



CAPTAIN MONICA L. ROCHESTER

Captain Rochester assumed her duties as Deputy Sector Commander for U.S. Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles – Long Beach in August 2016. From command offices on Terminal Island in San Pedro, the Sector coordinates operations in an area of responsibility stretching more than 350 miles along the California coast, from north of Morro Bay and south to San Clemente, out to 200 miles offshore, and includes the nation's largest port complex. The Sector oversees four patrol boats, three multi-mission small boat stations, a marine safety detachment, a vessel traffic system and an aids-to-navigation team.



Captain Rochester is a Prevention Operations specialist with focus on commercial vessel safety and security, maritime regulated facility inspections, marine investigations, waterways management and has over 20 years experience in environmental response and protection operations. Her staff and operational assignments include: Marine Safety Unit Galveston, Marine Safety Office Miami, Marine Safety Office Mobile, Coast Guard Personnel Command, National Strike Force Atlantic Strike Team, Department of Homeland Security Operations Coordination Directorate, Sector San Diego, and Marine Safety Unit Lake Charles, LA.

Hand selected as a CBRNE expert while serving in Department of Homeland Security, Captain Rochester coordinated with the White House National Security Staff where she developed the national Biological Assessment and Threat Response protocol that ensured communication synchronization between interagency partners.

Notably, she pioneered a National Strike Force deployment aimed at re-engaging the Icelandic Coast Guard in Reykjavik to introduce international coordination and consequence management strategies for oil spill incidents which were incorporated into response doctrine. She has been involved in a diverse range of response operations around the globe, from deploying to Bahrain to re-affirm the Coast Guard's partnership with the U.S. Navy in the event of an environmental incident in the Middle East, to coordinating recovery and consequence management operations for the uncontrolled re-entry of a satellite carrying hazardous cargo.

Captain Rochester earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas and attended Merchant Marine Industry Training with Alabama Shipyard and Atlantic Marine Inc.