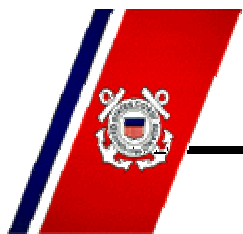


# **America's Waterway Watch Executive Briefing**

**U. S. Coast Guard Homeland Security Outreach  
Program**

**25 August 2004**

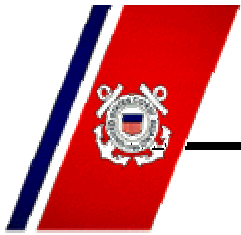


## Background

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- A direct response to the Terrorist attack on 9/11
- Prevent our coastal waters, rivers, bridges, tunnels, and ports, from becoming the next target.
- New concept in neighborhood watch programs.



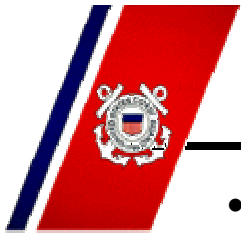
## Background

With more than –

- 95,000 miles of shoreline
- 290,000 square miles of water\*
- 70,000,000 boaters
- 351 Major Seaports

The U. S. Coast Guard and local first responders **can't** do the job alone



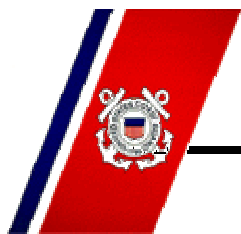


## Purpose Of Waterway Watch



- Raise Public Awareness Of The Threat Of Terrorism – Maritime
- Engage American Citizens To Join War On Terrorism on Domestic Front
  - Engage The Eyes And Ears Of Waterfront Users and Related Businesses
- Detect Suspicious Activity – Things That are Out Of Place
- Report Suspicious Activity/For National & Regional Data Base
- Emergency Or Law Enforcement – Dial 911
  - Non-Emergency – 1-877 24-WATCH

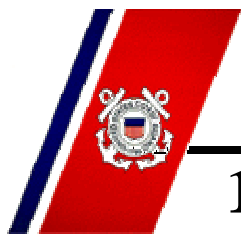
**It's Neighborhood Watch On The Waterfront**



## What to Look For



- Suspicious persons conducting unusual activities
- Suspicious persons photographing/making sketches
- Suspicious person loitering for extended periods
- Suspicious person renting watercraft
- Unknown vendors attempting to sell/deliver merchandise
- Unknown persons asking detailed questions about operations
- Unknown persons inquiring about details of local security measures
- Unknown persons inquiring about arrangements and security for public events
- Unknown persons surveying bridge and waterway operations
- Boats depositing suspicious passengers in non-passenger locations at night
- Arriving boats from international waters which appear to bypass U.S. Customs



# How to Report Suspicious Activity



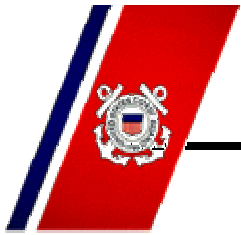
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**National Response Center**

**National Communications Center for Reporting:**

- **Terrorism/Suspicious Activity**
- **Oil/Hazardous Material Spills or potential spills**
- **Radiological/Biological Releases**
- **Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents**
- **Railroad/Transit Incidents**
- **General Aviation Incidents**
- **Maritime incidents**
- **Incidents affecting national infrastructure**

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## The National Response Team

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- EPA (Chair)
- Dept. of Agriculture
- Dept. of Defense
- Dept. of Health & Human Services
- Dept. of Justice
- Dept. of State
- Dept. of Treasury
- GSA
- USCG (Vice-Chair)
- Dept. of Commerce
- Dept. of Energy
- Dept. of Interior
- Dept. of Labor
- Dept. of Transportation
- FEMA
- Nuclear Reg. Committee



# Incident Information Flow



**Federal On Scene Coordinator**

**NOAA First Class Mail**

**State Fax Notifications**

**NRT Member and Customer Agencies**



## ACCEPTABLE METHODS FOR NOTIFICATION TO NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER

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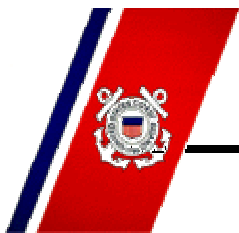
- Preferred method is via telephone:  
1-877-24-WATCH or 1-800-424-8802
- Via the NRC website: [www.nrc.uscg.mil](http://www.nrc.uscg.mil)
- CANNOT accept reports via fax or email

### **NRC Stats at a Glance - Fiscal Year 2003**

**•Incoming Phone Calls: 129,176 / +90% since 2003**

**Total Reports: 32,294**

**Total outgoing Notifications (Includes fax & email): 206,690**

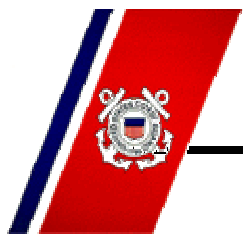


## Operation ON GUARD Success Stories – Malike Incident



(NYC TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION)

- Malike Incident – Miami Waterfront
- Cruise Boat Operator Briefed on On Guard/Waterway Watch
- Reported Malike's suspicious activity
- Led to arrest by FBI in NYC May 18, 2003 charged with drug possession & making false statements



# Operation ON GUARD

## Success Stories – Cove marina

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- Pompano Beach Incident – Cove marina
- Local Fishing Boat Captain Briefed on On Guard/A. Waterway Watch
- 52 Foot Sport Fisherman Docks at Cove - 4 AM
- Suspicious Persons Depart In Waiting Cars
- Fishing Boat Captain Call 911
- Over 40 Haitian Illegals Follow
- Broward Sheriff Arrests Captain, Many passengers, Coast Guard Confiscates Boat



## Summary of Waterway Watch Program

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- What It Is
  - A Public Awareness Program
  - Like Neighborhood Watch
  - Like Airport Watch (AOPA and TSA)
  - Like WWII Coastal Watch Program
  - Seeks State and Local Government Partnerships
- What It Is Not
  - It Is Not “Neighbors Spying On Neighbors”
  - It Is Not An Intelligence Program
  - It Is Not Involved In Law Enforcement Investigations