



Marine Safety Office Puget Sound

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Civilian Personnel: 20

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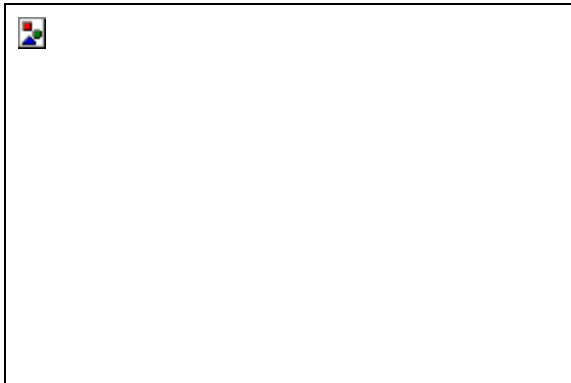
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Established: The Coast Guard's safety and security duties date back to World War I. Under the Espionage Act of 1917, the Coast Guard was given the responsibility to prevent damage to harbors and vessels. Seattle's field office was called Port Safety Station Seattle. The duties of the office were greatly increased in subsequent years, as Congress enacted laws to protect the environment from water pollution and assigned the enforcement tasks to the Coast Guard. As time passed, the Marine Inspection and Safety stations became so interrelated, the offices were merged in 1983 and Marine Safety Office Puget Sound was established.

the commercial transportation industry. MSO Puget Sound serves as co-chair of the Northwest Area Committee and is committed to cooperative planning for oil and hazardous substance spill response in the Pacific Northwest. MSO Puget Sound also serves as co-chair of the Pacific Northwest Port Readiness Committee dealing with issues of port safety and security in the Pacific Northwest.

Accomplished Operations: Every year, the MSO conducts roughly 2,500 commercial vessel and equipment inspections, responds to 650 pollution incidents and 2,000 marine incidents, issues licenses to 10,000 mariners, and investigates 200 marine casualties.

What we do: MSO Puget Sound's area of responsibility includes the waters of Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Washington coast north of the Queets River. Marine Safety Office Puget Sound is divided into seven departments: prevention, operations, investigations, and support and training. The [Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service](#) is under the operational control of MSO Puget Sound. Together with Coast Guard Group Seattle and Coast Guard Group Port Angeles, VTS and MSO Puget Sound ensure the safety of Puget Sound waterways and protect the vital interest represented by



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