



## Commander John Sgarlata

### Executive Officer US Coast Guard Air Station Detroit



Commander Sgarlata was assigned as the Executive Officer of Air Station Detroit in June 2023. The unit consists of 120 personnel and operates a fleet of five MH-65 helicopters providing year-round search and rescue coverage to the Great Lakes region from Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Twp, MI and during the summer season from Air Facilities located in Muskegon, MI and Waukegon, IL. Additionally, the unit provides Rotary-Wing Air Intercept support protecting the President and other national strategic assets under the direction of the North American Aerospace Defense Command. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Operations Officer at Air Station

Detroit, responsible for the safe execution, training, and risk management of both the SAR and RWAI missions.

CDR Sgarlata's first Coast Guard Assignment was as an Engineer on the CGC DALLAS (WHEC 716), homeported in Charleston, SC. Following two years of JIATF and D1 patrols, he was selected for Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, FL.

Following training, his first air station was Atlantic City, NJ where he served as both a Search and Rescue (SAR) and Rotary Wing Air Intercept (RWAI) Pilot. In 2014, he transferred to the Aviation Special Mission branch at Aviation Training Center, Mobile, AL as an RWAI Flight Examiner and RWAI Fleet Standardization Officer.

In 2017, he applied for and was accepted to the Human Performance Technology Graduate School program. He attended the University of South Alabama and proceeded to Special Missions Training Center (SMTC), Camp Lejeune, NC as the Instructional Systems Branch Chief. In 2021, he fleeted up to the Training Officer position at SMTC, responsible for the safe execution of tactical training for over 2,000 students per year and initial Deployable Specialized Forces high risk training.

A native of Fredericksburg, VA, CDR Sgarlata is a 2006 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He and his wife, Amanda, have two children, Stella and Luke.