

Lieutenant Carl M Eschler United States Coast Guard

LT Carl M. Eschler currently serves as the Executive Officer at MSU Toledo, responsible for executing the Coast Guard's Port Safety and Security, Marine Environmental Protection, and Commercial Vessel Safety missions from Monroe, Michigan to Huron, Ohio

LT Carl Eschler enlisted in the Coast Guard in 2010 and was selected for Officer Candidate School receiving his commission in 2014. LT Eschler holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Aviation Science from Utah Valley State University in Orem, UT.

Prior to being assigned to MSU Toledo, LT Eschler served as the Senior Investigating Officer at MSU Portland, Oregon responsible for overseeing the completion of over 400 marine casualties and personnel investigations annually throughout the Pacific Northwest. During his time at MSU Portland, he was a member of the Coast Guard District 13 Formal Marine Board that was convened to conduct the investigation of the capsizing of the Commercial Fishing Vessel COASTAL REIGN that capsized while attempting to cross the hazardous Tillamook Bay Bar during the 2020 - 2021 Dungeness Crab Season.



He completed his Marine Apprentice Inspector tour at Sector San Juan, Puerto Rico. While assigned to Sector San Juan he assisted in the investigation of the fire aboard the Caribbean Fantasy a passenger and cargo vessel inbound from Dominican Republic that resulted in all 511 passengers and crew abandoning ship. All personnel on board were successfully rescued, resulting in the largest mass rescue in US waters in over 50 years. Also, while assigned to Sector San Juan, he was involved with re opening the ports after Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated the islands of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

LT Eschler served as the Student Engineer and Damage Control Assistant onboard Coast Guard Cutter Mohawk home ported in Key West, FL where he led two departments of eight persons in maintaining the vessel's engineering plant conducting drug and migrant patrols throughout the Caribbean and Pacific. Additionally, LT Eschler completed a tour aboard Coast Guard Cutter Polar Star home ported in Seattle, WA as an enlisted Electricians Mate. He worked with the crew to get the vessel out of a five year drydock and completed successful sea trials in the Arctic prior to the vessel resuming its annual support of Operation Deep Freeze, an annual joint military mission to resupply the U.S. Antarctic stations in support of the National Science Foundation,

LT Eschler's military awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (2), Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Commandant Letters of Commendation (4), and various other personal, team, and unit awards.

LT Eschler is a native of Coquille, Oregon where he was raised in a home consisting of five girls, three boys, mother, and father. He has 23 nieces and nephews and every two years he enjoys a family reunion on the Southern Oregon Coast with anywhere from 50 to 100 participants.