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Mr. Dana Goward, SES (Ret.)
Biography

Mr. Dana Goward is a life-long maritime professional, and has been both a search and rescue practitioner and program leader. His hands-on experience includes two years at sea performing rescues in the North Atlantic, 25 years as a Coast Guard helicopter pilot, and command of the Coast Guard air station at New Orleans. As a helicopter pilot he and his crew were recognized by Helicopter Association International for their rescue of two fisherman from the water at the height of a hurricane. As a program leader, he was the Coast Guard's first Chief, Office of Boat Forces and established small boat operations as a well resourced, trained, and pre-eminent national capability. In this role he represented the United States to the International Maritime Rescue Federation, and improved the service's bonds to other national services, such as the United Kingdom's RNLI. Mr. Goward also served as the Chief of the Coast Guard's Search and Rescue Policy division where he established new standards for Rescue Coordination Centers, obtained funding for additional positions, and began a multi-year program to upgrade equipment and staffing. In 1983, as a junior staff officer, he created, won approval for, and obtained the first funding for the Coast Guard's helicopter rescue swimmer program.

Mr. Goward is the President of the Resilient Navigation and Timing Foundation, a US scientific and educational charity, and is the proprietor at Maritime Governance, LLC. In 2013, he retired from a Senior Executive Service position as the nation's maritime navigation authority, leading 12 business lines budgeted at over \$1.3B/yr. He has represented the US at IMO, IALA, the UN anti-piracy working group, and other international forums. Mr. Goward is a member of the governing council for the Institute of Navigation, and is a retired US Coast Guard Captain.