



Lieutenant Justin Maio

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Lieutenant (LT) Justin Maio is an Apprentice Marine Inspector at Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, which includes the nation's fourth busiest commercial port, the third largest petrochemical complex, and busiest Strategic Port of Embarkation for Military Out-load operations in the United States. 203 personnel proudly serve at Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, including active-duty, civilians, reservists and Coast Guard Auxiliary performing marine inspections, marine investigations, oil spill response, law enforcement, contingency planning, waterways management, vessel traffic management, administration, supply and medical service functions.

As a Marine Inspector, LT Maio's primary duty is reducing deaths, injuries, property loss, and pollution by inspecting vessels and ensuring compliance with laws, regulations, and international standards. In order to gain qualification to inspect vessels, LT Maio concentrates on long-term professional development and on-the-job training. He has graduated from Marine Inspector School and Port State Control Examiner School at Coast Guard Training Center Yorktown, VA.

At Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, LT Maio stands duty as Prevention Duty Officer and Command Duty Officer. Following marine casualties and accidents in the unit's area of responsibility, LT Maio surveys damage to assess seaworthiness of vessels, identifying conditions that pose additional threat to life, the waterway, and the environment. From the unit's operations center, LT Maio deploys resources for pollution and law enforcement cases.

After graduating from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 2013, LT Maio served for two years as a Deck Watch Officer onboard the Coast Guard Cutter BEAR based out of Portsmouth VA. Built in 1979, the BEAR was the first of thirteen 270' "Famous" class Medium Endurance cutters in the fleet. Assigned as the Assistant Navigator, LT Maio was responsible for the preparation of charts and voyage plans



for 6 counternarcotics patrols in the Caribbean Sea, including transits into foreign ports.

Also serving as Gunnery Officer and Electronics Material Officer on the BEAR, LT Maio managed the operation and maintenance of the ship's communications, RADAR, weapons, and flight deck systems, including the first successful gun shoot in over two years. During counternarcotics operations, LT Maio served as Helicopter Control Officer, and was responsible for the safe execution of shipboard helicopter operations.

LT Maio's personal awards include two Coast Guard Letters of Commendation, one Coast Guard Unit Commendation, and two Meritorious Team Commendations. At the United States Coast Guard Academy, LT Maio earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Operations Research and Computer Analysis.