



National Security

The Coast Guard is the lead service **protecting national security interests in the Arctic region.** Missions employing icebreakers like *USCGC Healy* (WAGB-20), shown here in the Chukchi Sea north of the Arctic Circle in 2016, are essential to this security strategy. *USCGC Healy* is the nation's only medium icebreaker.



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On an average day, the Coast Guard:

- conducts **45** search-and-rescue cases;
- saves **10** lives, along with **\$1.2 million** in property;
- seizes **874 pounds** of cocaine and **214 pounds** of marijuana;
- conducts **57** waterborne patrols of critical maritime infrastructure;
- interdicts **17** illegal migrants;
- escorts **5** high-capacity passenger vessels;
- conducts **24** security boardings in and around U.S. ports;
- screens **360** merchant vessels for potential security threats prior to arrival in U.S. ports;
- conducts **14** fisheries conservation boardings;
- services **82** buoys and fixed aids to navigation;
- investigates **35** pollution incidents;
- completes **26** safety examinations on foreign vessels;
- conducts **105** marine inspections; and
- investigates **14** marine casualties involving commercial vessels.

Personnel Numbers (as of June 19)

- Active Duty Total: **40,478**
- **6,724** Officers
- **1,792** Chief Warrant Officers
- **31,962** Enlisted Personnel
- Select Reserve Total: **6,401**
- **955** Officers
- **117** Chief Warrant Officers
- **5,329** Enlisted Personnel

Coast Guard personnel, like those on *USCGC Sturgeon* (WPB-87336), work with industry and state, local, and tribal partners to keep informed on **what happens with vessels as they enter and depart U.S. waterways.** This awareness is vital for ensuring security.