

***Eighth Coast
Guard District***

***Commercial Fishing Vessel
Safety Program Coordinator
Report***

Eighth Coast Guard District CFVSP Coordinator Report

- CFV Losses FY-2019: **14**
- CFV Fatalities FY-2019: **08**
- CFV Injuries FY-2019: **05**

- CFV Population:
 - State Reg: **9,441**
 - US Doc: **4,319**
 - Total: **13,760**

- Dockside Exams completed FY-2019: **889**

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- Outreach Initiatives:

Actively participate with GSMFC and GMFMC to communicate with industry and sharing lessons learned concerning our CFVS Program(s).

Partner with Sea Grant and Gulf Area Universities in conducting CFVS Studies on Life Saving Equipment.

Team with Gulf Area Spanish and Vietnamese Communities to enhance communication of CFVS best practices and translation services in the event of at sea emergencies.

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- District priorities:

Aggressively seek CFVS Examination opportunities to educate industry on best safety practices and ensure compliance with all applicable CFVS Regulations.

Reduce/eliminate preventable CFV casualties, injuries and deaths within the fishing community through outreach and partnerships to enhance safety culture.

Improve Database entry for all related CFVS Activities to better assess strengths or gaps/shortfalls and appropriately address identified shortcomings with training, outreach and partnerships.

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- District Sponsored Fishing Industry Expos, Forums, Meetings:
 - Active participant at the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC) and Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council (GMFMC) meetings.
 - Met with Sea Grant Members at Gulf Area Universities towards aim to enhance CFVS Studies on Life Saving Equipment.
 - Met with LSU Ag Marine Members and area fishing communities to maintain/improve communications between parties so all groups gained a better understanding of the other's challenges and remedies.
 - Met with Gulf Area Spanish and Vietnamese Communities to enhance communication of CFVS best practices and translation services in the event of at sea emergencies.