

Master Chief John M. Buchanan, USCG, Retired, brings his varied experience in the US Coast Guard to his new role as a Career/Technical Education Teacher in the Port of Houston/Stephen F. Austin High School Maritime Program. He has extensive expertise across multiple ship types via safety inspections, law enforcement, environmental compliance, and disaster response. Master Chief has served as Officer in Charge aboard six Coastal Patrol Boats resulting in extensive knowledge in chart navigation, electronic navigation, radar, damage control, towing, search and rescue, heavy weather preparedness, ship deployment operations, and navigational rules interpretations. During his commands Master Chief has supervised over 550 employees. He also conducted Ready for Operations inspections aboard five new Coast Guard ships, certifying the ship and crews ready for operations.

Master Chief Buchanan was instrumental in the post Hurricane Katrina disaster response by identifying key personnel throughout the country with skills required to complete the rescue efforts.

He acted as Lead Federal Agent for all waterborne security activities for high profile events, including State of the Union addresses and the funerals of Presidents Ford and Reagan.

Master Chief Buchanan has extensive experience in instruction, media relations and public speaking, representing the USCG on a national *Dateline Special* and leading instruction in webinar, classroom, and in hands-on learning environments.

Awards include:

Meritorious Service Medal (2000, 2002, 2013)

Coast Guard Commendation Medal (2003, 2006, 2009, 2011)

Douglas A. Munro Inspirational Leadership, 2001

Coast Guard Achievement Medal (1987, 1992, 1999)

Navy Achievement Medal (1990)