

U.S. Coast Guard to Return Station Pascagoula to Full Operations

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WASHINGTON – The U.S. Coast Guard announced Tuesday it will return Station Pascagoula in Pascagoula, Mississippi to full response operations.

In conjunction with assignment year 2026, Station Pascagoula will go from scheduled mission operations to full response operations.

“After temporarily reducing capabilities at Station Pascagoula in 2023 due to severe workforce shortages, I am pleased to announce the Coast Guard will fully restore the unit’s operational capabilities and readiness in 2026,” said Adm. Kevin E. Lunday, acting commandant. “Our strong recruiting performance has made this possible. Station Pascagoula is vital to securing our southern maritime border and supporting the Port of Pascagoula’s \$18 billion economic impact. This action directly supports our nation’s security and economic prosperity.”

The return of Coast Guard Station Pascagoula to full response operations represents a local application of the national strategy in achieving operational control of the border and facilitating commerce. Strategically positioned on the Gulf Coast, the station directly contributes to controlling the southern maritime border by conducting operations to deter and interdict illegal migration and illicit trafficking. Simultaneously, it facilitates commerce vital to economic security by controlling and securing the Port of Pascagoula against both physical and cyber threats, supporting the goal of U.S. maritime dominance. Underpinning these dedicated

missions is the station's sustained readiness, embodying the Coast Guard's "Semper Paratus" principle to successfully respond to any crisis or contingency with little warning, from search and rescue emergencies to natural disasters.