



Lieutenant Ximena Johnson

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Lieutenant Ximena Johnson is a Prevention Officer, assigned as a Journeyman Marine Inspector at USCG Marine Safety Unit Houma, Louisiana. She conducts vessel exams on foreign and domestic commercial vessels to ensure their compliance with U.S. and international laws and regulations for the safety and security of commercial vessel operations.

LT Johnson, originally from Cali, Colombia, moved to the United States in 2003. In 2004 she joined the U.S. Coast Guard and began her service as an E-2 at Activities New York. In 2014, LT Johnson became a Commissioned Officer. She is a NACP Credentialed Victim Advocate and a certified Spanish linguist.



While Enlisted, LT Johnson served as Marine Science Technician, then as Maritime Law Enforcement Specialist, serving in Puerto Rico, Hampton Roads, and Key West. She participated in numerous counter illicit human and drug trafficking operations in the Caribbean and the Atlantic. She also served as a trainer in a program that provided law enforcement instruction to members of the Costa Rican Coast Guard.

As a Prevention Officer, LT Johnson has served as Facilities Division Chief in Miami, FL, and Assistant Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) in Houma, LA. She completed over 100 marine casualty investigations, to include joint investigations with local agencies, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The joint efforts resulted in the development of safety advisories for increased safety in oil industry operations, and the identification of critical maintenance and routine operations that required governmental oversight to prevent the reoccurrence of the investigated incidents. She is a Journeyman Marine Inspector, a Marine Investigator, and a Port and Facility Safety and Security Officer.

LT Johnson is a recipient of the 2012 League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Excellence in Service Uniformed Services Public Service Award. Her personal awards include the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (two awards), the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon (five awards), the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and various other unit and service awards. She is a graduate of Columbia Southern University, earning a Bachelor's Degree (Summa Cum Laude) in Business Administration/Human Resource Management.

LT Johnson is married to CWO Wesley S. Johnson, a Marine Safety Specialist Engineering (MSSE) in New Orleans, and they are blessed with a son, Christian.