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Commander Matt Denning is the chief of the Coast Guard Investigations National Center of Expertise (INCOE). He previously served as the assistant chief of the Inspections and Investigations Branch at the Eighth Coast Guard District headquartered in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was responsible for prevention program guidance for U.S. Coast Guard operations spanning 26 states, including the Gulf of Mexico and the inland waterways of the Western rivers.

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Cmdr. Denning holds a Merchant Mariner Credential as a third mate of steam or motor vessels of any gross tons upon oceans, as well as a Master of Business administration and finance degree from Touro University International.