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Mr. Kemerer is a 1972 and 1980 graduate of Frostburg State University, with Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees. After teaching in public school systems in Maryland and West Virginia for several years, he joined the Coast Guard. He was commissioned upon graduating from Officer Candidate School in 1977. He retired from active duty in 1997.

Mr. Kemerer's tours of duty included: Training Center Alameda, CA; Port Safety Station Concord, CA where he performed facility inspections, pollution response, and explosive loading supervision training; Pacific Area Strike Team where he managed spill responses and trained local units on spill response activities; Training Center Yorktown where he instructed on spill response programs and conducted spill response exercises; Fourteenth Coast Guard District where he managed port safety and security and trained district personnel in HAZWOPER; and Coast Guard Headquarters Office of Compliance where he worked in several programs and managed the Fishing Vessel Safety Program.

After retiring from active duty, Mr. Kemerer was employed with Science Applications International Corporation developing Contingency Response Plans, providing emergency response training, and conducting exercises for numerous government installations around the country. In 2005, he returned to government service in the Coast Guard's Fishing Vessel Safety Division. He was selected as the Division Chief in 2009.

As the Fishing Vessel Safety Program Manager for the Coast Guard, he is responsible for oversight of the Program nationwide including developing the safety program policy, developing implementing regulations, managing safety examiner training, coordinating the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Advisory Committee activities, and overseeing outreach to the commercial fishing industry.