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## **PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA SAFETY RISK AGENCY MANAGER AND INFRAGARD LOUISIANA PRESIDENT, MILLET, RECEIVES USCG MERITORIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

During the November 17, 2016 Facility Security Officers (FSO) workgroup meeting, Lester Millet III, Port of South Louisiana's (PSL) Safety Risk Agency Manager and InfraGard Louisiana President, was presented with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Meritorious Public Service Award by Captain Wayne R. Arguin, USCG Sector New Orleans Captain of the Port. Some of the achievements Mr. Millet was recognized for included the following:

- As Chairman of PSL's FSO workgroup (2007 to present), Mr. Millet expanded membership from 25 to over 800 public and private stakeholders. PSL's FSO workgroup is recognized as one of the largest in the country and considered a best practice model by USCG
- Mr. Millet has organized and conducted numerous free training opportunities, including the following: Three successful FBI Explosive Awareness Training events, two major FBI Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) conferences, a Chemical Facility Antiterrorism Standards (CFATS) Awareness course, and an FSO Refresher course
- Establishment of notification protocols for aerial flyovers and U.S. Corps of Engineers hydro surveying, which significantly reduced erroneous suspicious activity reporting to the National Response Center (NRC), thereby saving several hundred hours of unwarranted investigations by USCG and the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)
- Through a vetted distribution list, Mr. Millet has shared situational awareness with 800 + local, state, and federal public and private stakeholders
- Mr. Millet's collective work as President of InfraGard Louisiana



*Lester Millet III pictured with USCG Captain Wayne R. Arguin*

#### **About the Port of South Louisiana**

The Port of South Louisiana is a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, encompassing the parishes of St. Charles, St. John and St. James. The facilities located within the port's district consistently handle over a quarter billion short tons of cargo annually, ranking it the largest tonnage port district in the Western Hemisphere, the nation's greatest grain exporter, and the number one energy transfer port in the United States. Along the 108 miles of deep-water frontage on both banks of the river there are seven grain transfer facilities, four major oil refineries, 11 petrochemical manufacturing facilities and several other facilities for a total of more than 50 docks owned and operated by an impressive group of resident tenants such as ADM, ArcelorMittal, Dow, Cargill, DuPont, Motiva Enterprises, Marathon, Shell, Nucor Steel., Occidental, Valero, and Occidental Chemical. To learn more, visit us at [www.portsl.com](http://www.portsl.com), like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/portsl), and follow us on [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/portsl).

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