



### Why This Matters

Section 888 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 directs the Inspector General to conduct an annual review that assesses the performance of all United States Coast Guard (USCG) missions, with a particular emphasis on non-homeland security missions.

The Act defines the USCG's 11 statutory missions as either non-homeland security missions or homeland security missions, and prohibits the Secretary of Homeland Security from substantially or significantly reducing any of the USCG's missions or its capability to perform those missions.

## Annual Review of the United States Coast Guard's Mission Performance (FY 2012)

### What We Determined

The USCG's statutory non-homeland security missions include marine safety, marine environmental protection, search and rescue, aids-to-navigation, living marine resources, and ice operations. The USCG's homeland security missions are ports, waterways, and coastal security; drug interdiction; migrant interdiction; defense readiness; and other law enforcement.

We reviewed the resource hours the USCG used to perform its various missions. We also reviewed the USCG's performance measures and results for each non-homeland security and homeland security mission. We did not verify the accuracy of the USCG-provided data.

According to the USCG's data, the gap between resource hours for homeland security versus non-homeland security missions has narrowed from approximately 14 percent in fiscal year 2007 to approximately 4 percent in fiscal year 2012 (52 percent of resource hours for homeland security missions versus 48 percent for non-homeland security missions).

The USCG reported that it met or exceeded 11 of 23 summary performance measure targets in fiscal year 2012. This includes 9 of 12 non-homeland security performance measure targets and 2 of 11 homeland security performance measure targets. In fiscal year 2012, the USCG funded nearly the same percentage of non-homeland security missions as homeland security missions.

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