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Captain Woodring retired from the U.S. Coast Guard as Captain of the Port for Houston-Galveston in 2011, and assumed his current position with the Port of Houston in July of that year. He is responsible for safety, security, environmental stewardship, and emergency response at eight terminals along the Houston Ship Channel, including bulk handling facilities at the Turning Basin, and container terminals at Barbours Cut and Bayport. The economic impact of the Houston Ship Channel to the State of Texas is approximately \$489 million dollars a day, providing stimulus for over one million jobs.



Residing within the Health, Safety, Security and Environmental (HSSE) Branch are the Fire Department consisting of 49 personnel comprising the Port of Houston firefighters and Hazardous Material Response Teams; the Port Police Department with 53 sworn officers, and six Port Security Officers; the newly established Safety Department; the Environmental Department with eight environmental specialists; the Emergency Management Coordinator, overseeing eight Dispatchers; the Administrative Manager overseeing all admin and budgeting functions including the credentialing office; and two Facility Security Officers.

A native of Plandome, NY, he is a 1983 graduate of Brown University in Providence, RI, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Geologic Sciences. Captain Woodring later attended Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, earning a Masters Degree in Public Administration in 1995. He served in various assignments around the nation during his 27+ years in the U.S. Coast Guard.

In 2005, he was assigned as the Chief and Deputy Chief of ESF-15 (External Affairs) for the national response to Hurricanes KATRINA and RITA, supervising over 1,000 responders across three states in all aspects of public relations. In Houston, during Hurricane IKE in 2008, he served as the Deputy Incident Commander for the maritime response that saved over 200 lives and re-opened the vital waterways within 72 hours. In 2010, Captain Woodring was charged as the Federal On-Scene Coordinator's Representative for all of Texas in response to the oil impacts from the *Deepwater Horizon* incident; the first event ever designated a Spill of National Significance. The Texas General Land Office presented him with the prestigious 2010 Texas Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act (OSPR) Award for his leadership role in the *Deepwater Horizon* response. Captain Woodring is a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM), earning certification in 2011 with the International Association of Emergency Managers, and a Texas Emergency Manger (TEM), earning certification in 2012.

He is married to the former Kim Renee Fleming of Texas and they have three grown sons. He is a golfer, pistol shooter, and avid lacrosse player.