

## *Kenneth Franke*

### PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

2009 to Present – Appointed as an advisor to the United States Secretary of Commerce on the [Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee](#) (MAFAC). This committee advises the Secretary on all national marine resource issues.

2009 to Present – Chairman of the NOAA MAFAC [Subcommittee on Recreational Fishing](#) – This committee advises on national initiatives that pertain to recreational fisheries.

2009 to Present – [President of the Sportfishing Association of California](#) – Based in San Diego, this organization oversees representation of 160 companies in the marine industry with regard to regulatory agency representation both in the United States, Mexico, France and several Central American countries. A key point of activity is working with Mexican Federal Agencies (SCT, PROFEPA, CONAPESCA, CONANP and the Mexican Navy) to establish operational guidelines for United States vessels operating within Mexican territorial waters and seaports. This organization also coordinates boating/tourist events and activities that depart the United States and bring millions of dollars (USD) of commerce to Mexico.

2009 to Present – Board Member of the [San Diego Port Tenant Association](#) – This entity represents all businesses in the seaport and airport of San Diego with regard to interaction with regulatory agencies.

1981 to 2009 – [San Diego Harbor Police](#) – Lieutenant – [Retired](#) - Watch Commander overseeing the [security for the Seaport and Airport of San Diego](#). This includes providing integrated planning for management of the airport and seaport during major incidents and providing first responder coordination with U.S. Coast Guard during search and rescue operation. The civilian merchant ship, marine terminal and passenger liner security was another important aspect of the mission, with emphasis placed on [maintaining commerce viability](#). Additional duties included training associated with, and operation of, the most advanced marine law enforcement team in California.

1993 to Present – President of M/V Outer Limits Inc. – Owns and operates the vessel [Outer Limits](#). This vessel is involved in the data collection and development of marine acoustic and security related technologies projects for NOAA, USCG, USN, USGS, and DHS; including the operation of remotely operated [submarine vehicles](#) and autonomous underwater vehicles. The vessel additionally is engaged in commercial sportfishing, safely navigating approximately 20,000 miles per year.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Awarded for Community Leadership by the U. S. Assistant Undersecretary of Commerce
- Graduate of the FBI National Academy.
- U.S. Coast Guard Licensed Master
- Incident Commander - [San Diego Harbor Red Bull Air Races](#).
- Incident Commander - [Biotech Protests in San Diego](#).

- *Incident Commander – 2003 Superbowl NFL Experience San Diego – 300,000 visitors.*
- *Incident Commander – Americas Cup Races – required closing the seaport of San Diego.*
- *Incident Commander for a threat against the passenger liner "INFINITY" at the San Diego Cruise Ship Terminal.*
- *Mobile Field Force Commander - [2007 San Diego Wild Fires](#) – responsible for on scene management of a mutual aid mobile field force platoon, involving the resources of six law enforcement agencies, to evacuate and secure the mountains and border east of San Diego.*
- *Developed an MOU with the U.S. Navy to deploy Harbor Police Divers as military assets.*
- *Developed an MOU with USCG and U.S. Navy to secure Navy fire fighting tugboats to fill civilian fire trucks with water during periods of natural disaster. A component of this was the development of a new portable manifold system, funded and constructed by the San Diego Harbor Police, to connect five sea tug boats based in San Diego to the municipal fire trucks.*
- *Developed an MOU authorizing the San Diego Harbor Police Communications Center for the Airport and Seaport of San Diego to be located with the military communications center on the USCG military base in San Diego. This facility was christened the Joint Harbor Operations Center (JHOC) when opened by Governor Schwarzenegger.*
- *Managed the construction of the Harbor Police portion of JHOC.*
- *Developed a plan to manage the seaport vessel movements during periods of emergency when general operations are stopped.*
- *Developed a California POST approved vessel operation and navigation course for police officers.*
- *Developed a plan with the local community and USCG to close the seaport during emergencies and then to manage access to ship traffic from open ocean into the bay.*
- *Managed the first full commercial passenger airliner crash training exercise for Lindbergh Field International Airport.*
- *Partnered with the USCG to develop a full scale seaport security exercise involving a terrorist attack on a passenger liner.*
- *Collaborated with Port of San Diego staff to remove 1,400 wrecks from San Diego Bay; a component of which was developing an EPA approved process to sink four ships in the Pacific Ocean.*
- *Prepared a funded grant application to the Department of Homeland Security for the new Seaport/Airport Communications Center.*
- *Managed the development of a fully integrated computer aided dispatching and records management system for the San Diego Harbor Police.*
- *Managed the construction of firefighting and rescue patrol vessels for the Department.*
- *Managed the construction project of the San Diego Harbor Police Headquarters.*
- *Managed the construction project for the dockage facility to support Customs Clearance and law enforcement vessels in San Diego Bay.*