Captain Eric Carrero

President
Greater Houston Port Bureau

Captain Eric Carrero became President of the Greater Houston Port Bureau on July 1, 2023. He leads the 250+ company maritime business organization that supplies member companies detail vessel traffic information and maritime expertise in efficiency, safety, security, and environmental issues in the largest port by tonnage and the largest petrochemical facility in the United States.

CAPT Carrero served 26 years in the U.S. Coast Guard ("USCG") and led the Waterways Management Division for the USCG's Eighth District before retiring in May 2023. He is a certified Marine Safety Professional with numerous qualifications in marine pollution response, investigations and commercial vessel inspections. He was deployed to the historic responses to Hurricane Katrina, Haiti Earthquake and served as Operations Section Chief during Hurricane Harvey where he was responsible for all maritime transportation issues related to the successful Coast Guard response in Houston- Galveston.

His previous USCG operational assignments included: Marine Safety Office/ Group Philadelphia; Marine Safety Office San Juan, PR, where he served as a Marine Casualty Investigator, Port State Control Inspector and Assistant Senior Investigating Officer; and Marine Safety Detachment Fort Smith, AR, where he served as the Supervisor responsible for all marine safety related issues, including domestic inspections, in the expansive western area of Arkansas and Oklahoma. He also served at USCG Atlantic Area, as a Port Security Liaison Officer where he conducted port security assessments in over 20 countries, evaluating the effectiveness of anti-terrorism measures, and enforced international port security regulations in South America, Africa and the Caribbean.

CAPT Carrero is a graduate from the University of Puerto Rico, with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Management and Policy from the American Public University System. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medal, a Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, a Commandant's Letter of Commendation, and multiple unit and operational awards.