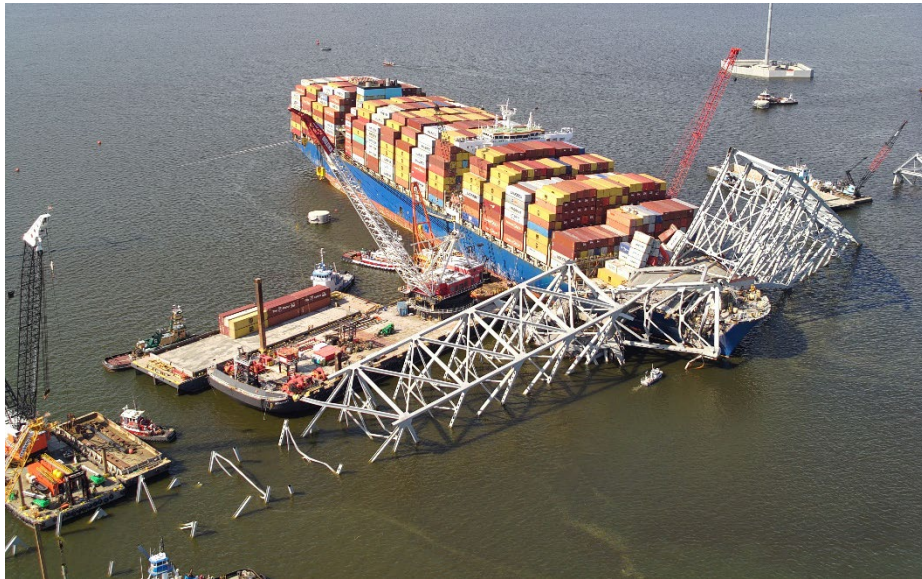


# National Strike Force Atlantic Strike Team



## Crisis Leaders and Responders: Any Time, Any Place, Any Hazard



Key Bridge Response, 2024



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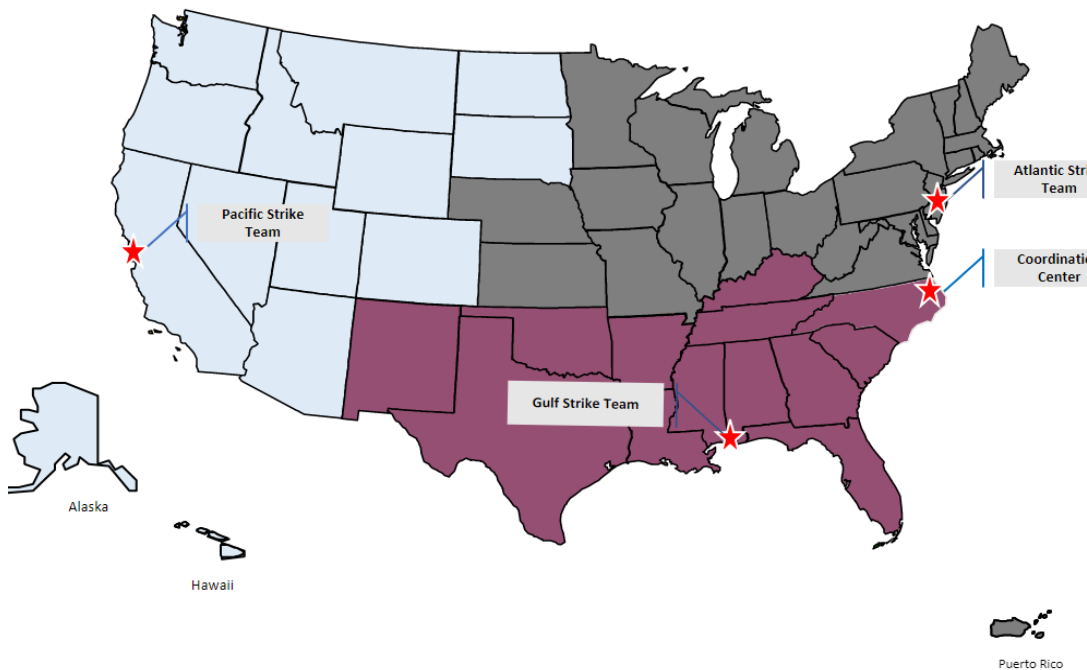
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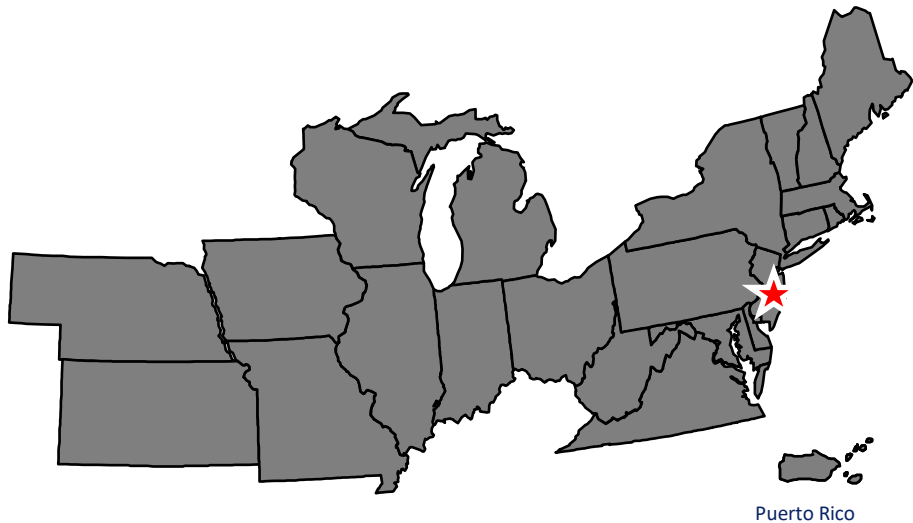
# Overview



- Created in 1973 as a Coast Guard "Special Team" under the National Contingency Plan
- Equipped to support Federal On-Scene Coordinators & Incident Commanders during Oil, HAZMAT, CBRN, & WMD incidents, & disaster response with technical & ICS support, & crisis communications.
- Capable of responding to two Type I incidents simultaneously
- National Response Framework: Emergency Support Functions (ESF 9, ESF 10)



# Area of Responsibility/Personnel



## Area of Responsibility:

- CG Districts: Northeast, East, Southeast, Heartland, and Great Lakes
- EPA Regions I, II, III, V, and VII
- OCONUS: Puerto Rico & US Virgin Islands
- International: Africa, Middle East, Europe, Eastern Canada, Arctic

## Personnel:

- 87 Active, Reserve, Civilian, & Auxiliary Members
  - Boatswains Mates
  - Machinery Technicians
  - Marine Science Technicians
  - Damage Controlman
  - Electricians Mate
  - Electronics Technician
  - Yeomen
  - Storekeepers
  - Health Services Technician

# Oil/HAZMAT Response



- Oil, Chem, Bio, Rad, Nuclear & WMD
- Level A-D entries & federal oversight
- Monitor, identify, characterize, & dispose
- Air monitoring
- Confined Space Entry & Rescue
- Sampling (Analysis/Evidence)
- Hazardous Materials Response Trailer
- Command Control Trailer
- High resolution SONAR



# Decontamination



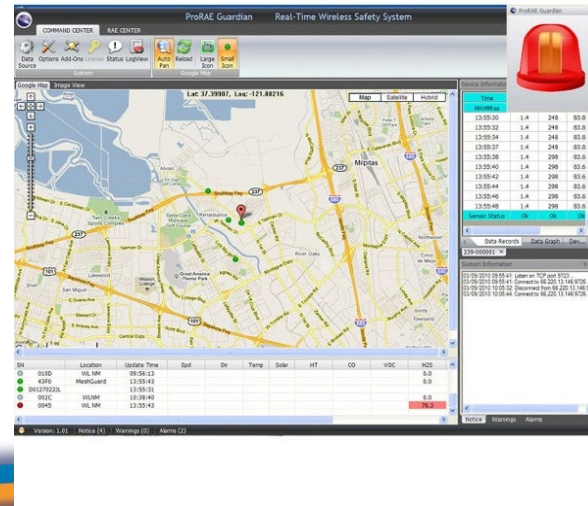
- Technical & Emergency Decontamination
- First Responder & VIP decontamination
- Vessel & equipment decontamination
- Scalable: Western Shelter, Zumro



# Safety & Monitoring



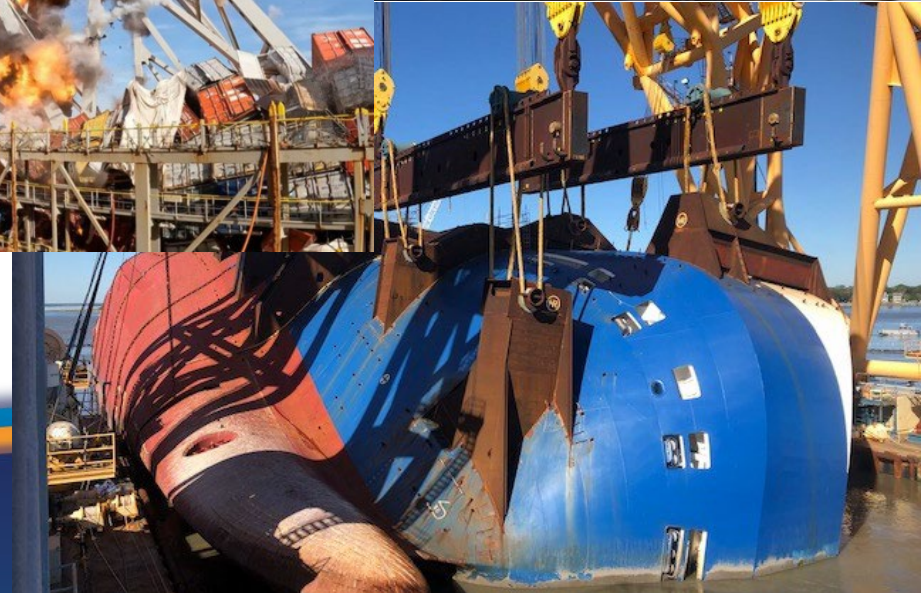
- Site Assessment
- Site Safety Plan Development, Assistance, Implementation, & Contractor oversight
- Air Monitoring
- Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT)
- Special Monitoring of Applied Response Technology (SMART) Protocol
- FOSC/R Consultation support



# Salvage & Marine Fire Fighting



- Vessel Damage Assessment in Consultation with USCG Salvage Engineering Response Team
- Pumping, Rigging & Dive Safety
- Contractor monitoring & oversight
- Plugging/Patching & Lightering
- Port of VA Marine Firefighting School



# Preparedness Support

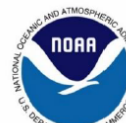


## Exercises, Training, & Preparedness Assessment Verification Visits

- Coaches, evaluators, or players
- Field Observers
- Safety Officers
- Planning and Preparedness
- Training for oil & HAZMAT

## Area Committee, Area Maritime Security Committee, & Regional Response Team Meetings/Support

- Geographic Response Strategy development, updates, & validation
- Plan review



## Virginia Area Contingency Plan

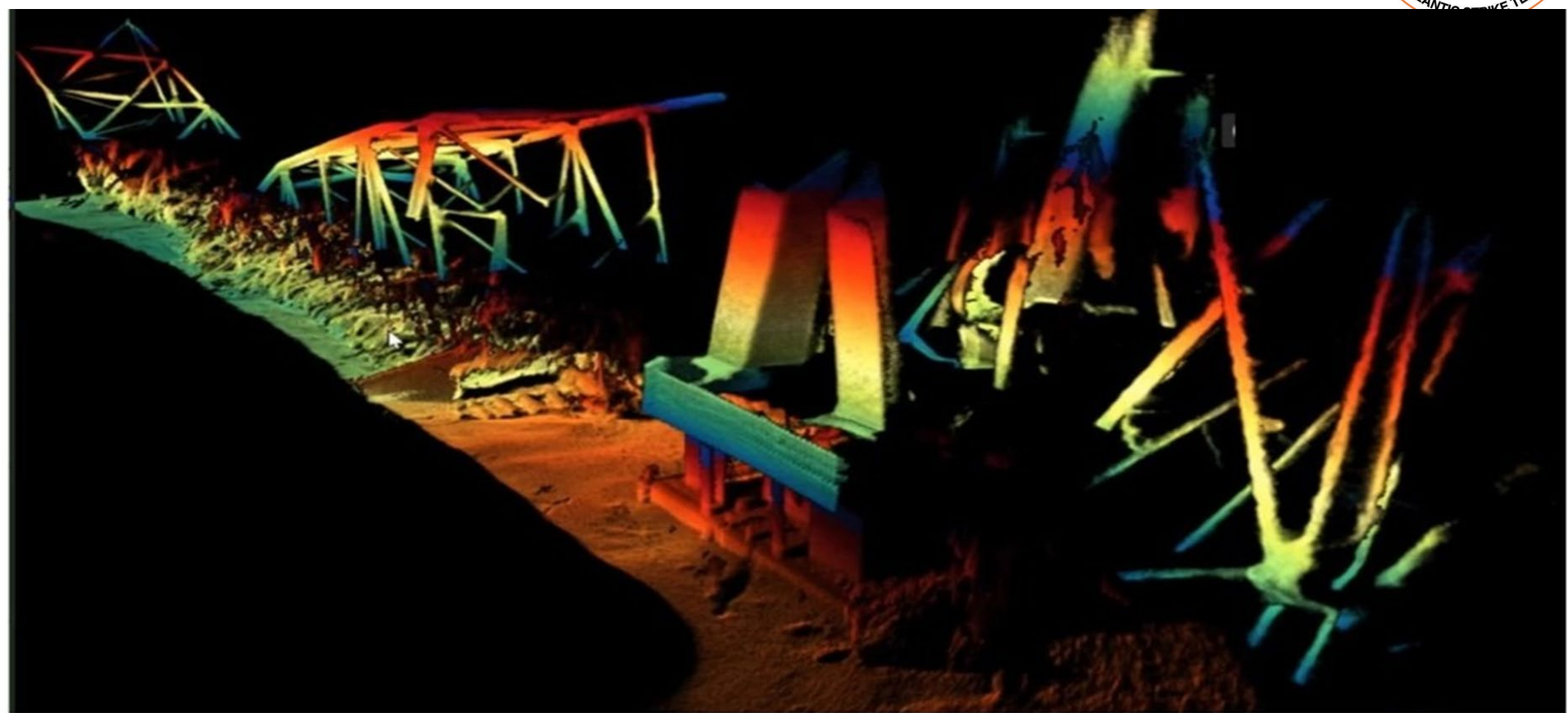
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# Remotely Operated Vehicle



FEDERAL CHANNEL

Limited Access Channel

Main Bridge Support

Collapsed Truss

# Unmanned Aerial Systems





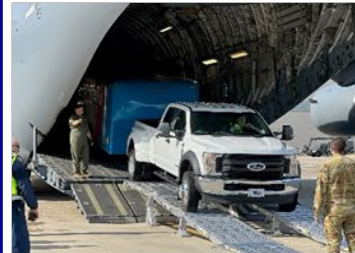
# National Strike Force Atlantic Strike Team Aircraft Loadout Exercise 08-09 February 2024



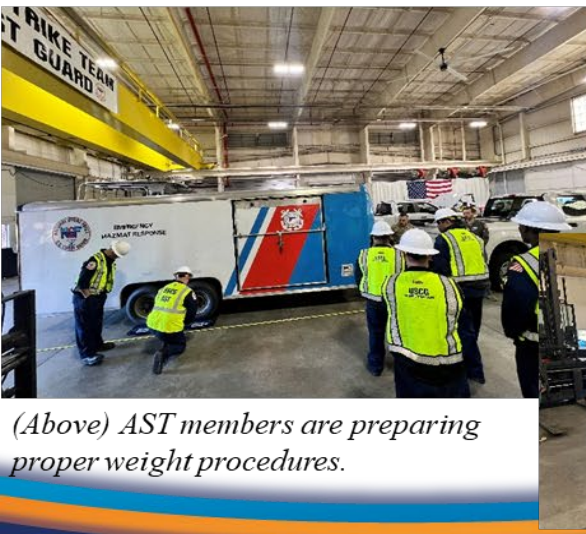
## Exercise Operations

- Approximately 20 AST members participated and conducted a refresher training on aircraft load out procedures.
- Air Force Eagle Team conducted vehicle weight training and worked with our certified load planner on Integrated Computerized Deployment System (ICODES).
- Certified load planner entered all measurements and weight requirements with all required documents.
- AST members ensured that the Team had the proper shoring requirements for the TANB and Level A Trailer.

*(Below) AST members and Air Force members who participated in exercise.*



*(Above) AST member backs the Level A onto the C-17.*



*(Below) AST members are briefed on proper weight and height requirements.*

*(Above) AST members are preparing proper weight procedures.*

## Exercise Goals

- Ensure safety of responders throughout any air load movement.
- Strengthen relations and conduct training with other branches of military.
- To be mobile and able to respond anywhere, any hazard, anytime.
- To provide a faster and more efficient service to the American people.



# National Strike Force

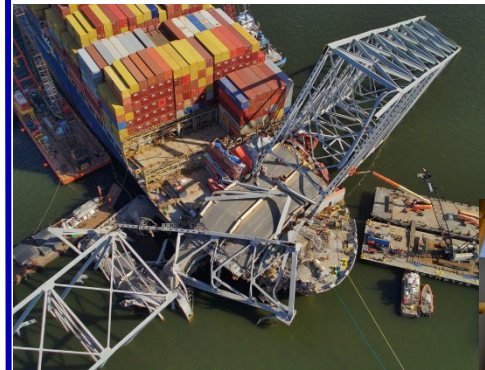
## NSF 018-24 Key Bridge Response, Baltimore, MD

Update as of 16 May 2024



### Overview

- NSF mobilized 01 (NSFCC), 16 (IMAT), 03 (PIAT), 20 (AST), 03 (GST), and 01 (PST) Active & Reserve personnel over the course of the response
- NSF support included Deputy IC, OSC/DOSC, Salvage OPSBD/DIVS, Air OPSBD, SOFR, RESL, SITL, JIC/PIO, FSC, and Search & Recovery Branch DIVS (ROV)
- Unified Command Priorities
  - Recover remains of all six victims (Completed)
  - Re-open Federal Channel (Completed/Reduced Capacity)
  - Extricate M/V DALI (In Progress)



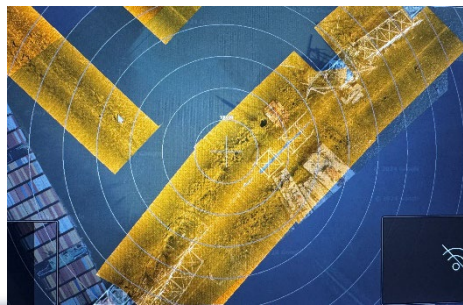
*(Above) Bow of the M/V DALI prior to removal of Span 4..*

*(Below) Explosive cutting of Span 4.*



*(Above) SKI DeJesus-Vega (AST) conducting ROV operations in support of the Maryland State Police Search & Recovery Team*

*(Below) ROV scans conducted in search of the sixth victim*



### Future Operations

- Complete removal of Span 4 debris to allow safe removal of M/V DALI
- Refloat M/V DALI via ballast shift at high tide
- Relocate M/V DALI to Seagirt Marine Terminal (2.7 NM NNE)
- Complete Span 4 debris removal from Federal Channel
- Survey and re-open Federal Channel at 100% capacity
- Complete sufficient debris/damaged container removal and repairs to allow M/V DALI transit to Norfolk, VA for undamaged container removal
- Right size response staffing
- DEMOB excess personnel/assets



# National Strike Force

## NSF 007-25 Presidential Inauguration 2025

### 16-22 January 2025



### Overview

- Sector Maryland/National Capital Region requested NSF-AST support during the 2025 60th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, DC.
- RFF approved IAW Secret Service RFA for detection & identification of CBRN threats on the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers and decontamination support for on-water responders.
- AST coordinated with DC Fire, USSS, FBI, and MSST (8 teams) to provide air monitoring and technical decontamination support.
- AST provided air and radiation monitoring and decontamination support for the Waterside Group (MSST, Station, & MD Police) in the event of an emergency to on-water responders.
- Continued joint operations with Federal, State, and Local agencies consisting of experts in CWMD, HAZMAT, Biological, Radiation, and Law Enforcement fields.



*(Left) AST members offloading Western Shelter decon equipment*

*(Right) Hazardous Materials Response Trailer and Western Shelter decon tent staged at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling.*



*(Below) Ice operations on Potomac River*



*(Above) Staging by Capital Cove Marina & Boat Ramp*

### Outcomes

- AST participated in several subcommittee visits with USSS, FBI, and DC Fire to support the Fire, Life Safety, and Hazardous Materials (FLSH) Subcommittee prior to the Inauguration Day. Sharing capabilities and outlining maritime support plan, RFA was drafted from Secret Service to include 24/7 air and radiation monitoring.
- Cold weather and ice operations changed on-water operations from MSST boats to CGC FRANK DREW and a BUSL for monitoring concurrent with ice breaking on the Potomac and Anacostia River.
- Provided real-time reports CG Incident Command Post of any on-water threats

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