

Meritorious Public Service Award to

Carroll Brown Jr.

The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, takes great pleasure in presenting the Coast Guard Meritorious Public Service Award to MR. CARROLL BROWN JR. in recognition of his steadfast dedication to environmental protection during his 28 years of service in the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Throughout his career, MR. BROWN's professionalism and leadership were instrumental in preparing New Hampshire and Maine for coastal oil spills and ensuring that federal, state, and local agencies were fully integrated for a unified response. He expertly served as the New Hampshire Co-chair of the Maine/New Hampshire Area Committee from 2015 to 2018, and led the formation of the Portsmouth Oil Spill Response Workgroup to better understand agency and industry capabilities, maximize spill response preparedness and implement best practices for oil spill response along the Northern New England coast. He then voluntarily served as the first chairman of the workgroup and oversaw six multi-agency subcommittees that focused efforts on joint decision making, coordination, and information sharing amongst all spill response stakeholders. He also formalized agreements with the Coast Guard and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to facilitate cross-agency resource sharing, ensuring all regional response assets could be efficiently deployed across federal and state jurisdictional boundaries. As New Hampshire's primary planner for coastal oil spill response, He organized 20 Piscataqua River oil spill exercises, including annual full-scale exercises with over 140 multi-agency participants and on-water boom deployments to bolster spill response coordination and proficiency. This exceptional effort included designing, implementing, and continually evaluating an innovative booming strategy to protect the Great Bay, one of the largest tidal estuaries on the east coast. Displaying exceptional initiative, he skillfully designed and maintained the Area Committee's primary Incident Command Post facility, providing a perfect venue for the Unified Command to manage spill response activities. His subject matter expertise was further instrumental in documenting regional response strategies on an array of planning documents including the Maine and New Hampshire Area Contingency Plan, Oil Decanting Plan, In-situ Burning Plan and Dispersant Use Plan. His tireless commitment to interagency cooperation, contingency preparedness, and environmental protection leaves a lasting legacy across Northern New England. MR. BROWN's actions are most heartily commended by the United States Coast Guard and are in keeping with the highest traditions of public service.