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Photographs, videotapes, and audio recordings of Coast Guard operations are important for:

- Operational and public affairs purposes
- Evidence in law enforcement cases
- Training
- Historical documentation

It is important to understand the Coast Guard's policies regarding the release of photographs, videotapes, and audio recordings of Coast Guard activities. All such material must go through the review and release process as other official information. Refer to your unit's release policies to establish the appropriate steps and procedures.

To further educate yourself and instruct others on how to properly release photographs, video, and audio of Coast Guard operations, review Chapters 2 and 5 of the Public Affairs Manual, COMDTINST M5728.2C.

This information is not testable.

http://www.uscg.mil/ccs/cit/cim/directives/CIM/CIM_5728_2C.pdf

All photos, video, and audio tape of Coast Guard activities made by Coast Guard personnel while on duty or aboard Coast Guard units are considered official information, regardless if the information was captured on government-owned or 'personal' equipment.

Your position in the government makes your access to units and newsworthy incidents possible. As such, this material may not be sold or released to the public or news media by you or individual Coast Guard members...it must go through the official release process.

Additional untestable information can be found on the Coast Guard Photo Web site: www.uscg.mil.
