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Marine Exchange receives USCG award

The highest civilian honor that a US Coast Guard District Commander is authorized to award was recently bestowed on the [Marine Exchange of Alaska](#) (MXAK). On February 4th, Rear Admiral Christopher Colvin, Commander of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District, presented the Meritorious Public Service Award to the Marine Exchange's Executive Director, Captain Ed Page. The award recognizes MXAK for "outstanding dedication and support to the Coast Guard while developing a robust and critical Automatic Identification System (AIS) infrastructure throughout key areas of Alaska."

MXAK makes a substantial contribution to the economy that is felt in Juneau and throughout the state. The highly experienced 12-person staff helps commercial facilities deal with state and federal security and operations requirements that are necessary to conduct waterfront and maritime businesses. Without this assistance, ports could be shut down or would have to hire Outside experts at a far higher cost.

Central to the organization's service in Alaska is the vessel tracking system it has built throughout the state. Called PacTracs, the system consists of more than 70 sites that feed information to an array of servers here in Juneau that cache the data and make it immediately available to assist in rescues, investigations, and the efficiency of day-to-day marine operations. When accidents occur or search and rescue operations are necessary, the system can quickly help pinpoint exactly what happened, where help is needed, and what other vessels are nearby to assist.

[Learn more about the Marine Exchange of Alaska.](#)

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Recognition for Alaska Marine Exchange

Posted by RDML Jim Watson



Congratulations Captain Ed Page!

JUNEAU, Alaska -- Rear Adm. Christopher Colvin, 17th District Commander, presents the Meritorious Public Service Award to Edward E. Page, Executive Director of Marine Exchange of Alaska, at the Marine Exchange of Alaska facility in downtown Juneau Feb. 4, 2010 for it's support of Coast Guard Maritime Domain Awareness operations and it's industry stewardship that has been instrumental to the enhanced port security posture in Alaska.

The Marine Exchange of Alaska's real time vessel tracking has directly supported high profile salvage, environmental protection and mass rescue operations in Alaska.