

Email
Between NTSB Human Performance Investigator
and USCG Group Member

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Ford Robert

From: Strauch Barry
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2004 8:18 AM
To: Ford Robert
Subject: FW: Request

Bob, this should go in the Barberi docket.

Thanks

Barry

-----Original Message-----

From: Gerecke, Paul LCDR [mailto:PGerecke@batteryyny.uscg.mil]
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 4:27 PM
To: Bottiglieri, Mark LT; Strauch Barry
Subject: RE: Request

Gents,

No, we do not perform any such audits ... we barely have enough resources to to our approved course oversight visits, never mind things like this which, while they would be nice to have, are not required by regulation.

Sorry I can't give you better news.

V/R,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bottiglieri, Mark LT
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 3:11 PM
To: 'Strauch Barry'
Cc: Gerecke, Paul LCDR
Subject: RE: Request

Barry,

The answer to your first question is that Dr. Jones is the Coast Guard Personnel Command Senior Medical Officer.

The answer to your second question is that there were no instances in the past 12 months preceeding the accident that inspectors/investigators from the Marine Safety Operations Division required proof that the Staten Island Ferry pilots complied with the regulation that requires them to maintain a yearly physical. The Assistant Chief of Inspections stated that he could not speak for the Regional Exam Center and whether or not they conducted any sort of audit to ensure compliance. As such, I am forwarding this e-mail to LCDR Gerecke of the REC to see if he can add anything to this answer. Hope this helps!

Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: Strauch Barry [mailto:STRAUCB@ntsb.gov]

Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2004 3:20 PM
To: mbottiglieri@actny.uscg.mil
Cc: Ford Robert
Subject: Request

Hi Mark, hope things are going well.

I need two things from the Coast Guard with regard the Barberi investigation:

- 1) Morgan asked you for the title of Dr. Jones, the MD whom we interviewed at NMC, which I still need, and
- 2) The number of times, in the 12 months before the accident, i.e., October 16, 2002 - October 15, 2003, that Coast Guard activities NY requested of Staten Island ferry Captains and Assistant captains proof that they complied with the requirement for annual physical examinations, in the years between the 5-year intervals when they were required to provide the REC with the completed Form 219-K.

Thanks Mark,

Barry