

Coast Guard Continues Response to Hurricane Dorian in Bahamas



A U.S. Coast Guard MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter pilot flies over the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas on Sept. 6. The Coast Guard is supporting the Bahamian National Emergency Management Agency and the Royal Bahamian Defense Force, which are leading search-and-rescue efforts in the Bahamas. U.S. Coast Guard

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Coast Guard is continuing rescue-and-recovery operations in the Bahamas in the wake of Hurricane Dorian.

As of 9 a.m. on Sept. 8, Coast Guard forces had rescued 308 people in the Bahamas, the Coast Guard 7th District said in a release.

The Coast Guard has five MH-60T Jayhawk helicopters conducting missions in the area, including search and rescue, logistics and for assessments. The helicopters are staged out of Andros Island, site of the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center, where the U.S. Navy stages helicopters for antisubmarine training such as torpedo drops.

The Coast Guard also has five cutters providing support in the disaster recovery operations.

Navy MH-53E Sea Dragon helicopters from Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, also are participating in the relief efforts under the auspices of U.S. Northern Command.

The 7th District said that all ports have been re-opened.