

NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray
District Attorney

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U.S. Coast Guard calls DA Murray for active duty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Mecklenburg County District Attorney Andrew Murray, a Captain (O-6) in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, has received unexpected orders to serve on active duty in New Orleans, Louisiana. Although Mr. Murray's duty will take him to Louisiana, the Coast Guard understands his commitment to Mecklenburg County as the elected District Attorney and will allow him to regularly return to his office in Charlotte.

Beginning Sept. 17, Mr. Murray will work as a legal officer for the Federal On-Scene Coordinator for the Gulf Coast Incident Management Team. His legal work will contribute to Operation Deepwater Horizon, the federal cleanup effort for the massive 2010 oil spill that resulted from an explosion aboard the BP oil drilling rig *Deepwater Horizon*. The incident, which occurred about 40 miles off the coast of Louisiana, was the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history. Mr. Murray's duty will end in December.

While serving in Louisiana, Mr. Murray will be in daily contact with his leadership staff and will continue to be involved in making decisions and setting policy. He will return to the DA's Office every other week, allowing him to stay involved in the office's daily activities and attend regularly-scheduled staff meetings. During his absence, longtime Deputy District Attorney Bart Menser will manage day-to-day operations.

"I look forward to serving my country in this capacity," says Mr. Murray. "Meanwhile, I am confident that my leadership team and my entire staff at the DA's Office will continue on the course I've set to seek justice and protect Mecklenburg County."

Mr. Murray has served in the Coast Guard for more than 30 years. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1980, after graduating from high school. He served six years of active duty and then became a reservist. He was commissioned as an officer in 1989 after graduating from UNC Charlotte. Throughout his career as an attorney and as District Attorney, Mr. Murray has typically served 14 days each year, as well as one weekend every month, as an officer in the Coast Guard Reserve.

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