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Mr. Heinz is a 1979 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ocean Engineering. His first tour was on the cutter UNIMAK (WHEC-379), an ex-WWII Navy seaplane tender then stationed in New Bedford, MA. His assignment as the ship's Maritime Law Enforcement Officer provided wide exposure to the commercial fishing industry through numerous boardings of both U.S. and foreign fishing vessels from the North Atlantic to the Caribbean.

After a stint working with short range aids to navigation as a staff engineer in the Buoys and Structures Section at CG Headquarters, Mr. Heinz transitioned to the marine safety program as a civilian in what was then called the Survival Systems Branch. Responsible for the development of regulations and standards, and administration of the approval program for a variety of lifesaving equipment, he served as Secretary of ISO/TC 8/SC 1 (Ships and Marine Technology/Lifesaving and Fire Protection) from 1996 to 2006. For several years, he has chaired the Lifesaving Appliances Working Group, and served as coordinator of associated correspondence groups of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Equipment. In 2006, he was named Chief of what by then had become the Lifesaving and Fire Safety Division at CG Headquarters. As Division Chief, he currently serves as the U.S. representative to the IMO's Sub-Committee on Fire Protection.

Mr. Heinz has been a licensed Professional Engineer in Virginia since 1989. He is a 2007 alumnus of the Federal Executive Institute's *Leadership for a Democratic Society* program, and in May 2008 earned a Certificate in Senior Executive Leadership from Georgetown University.