



Maritime Civil Affairs and Security Training Command



Functional Specialist Program

The MCAST Functional Specialist (FSp) Program is designed to facilitate **an overall sustained military and civilian effort** to build maritime capabilities, capacities and security within a region. FSp Program manages a wide array of on-going projects and Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEEs) with other national experts. They also facilitate “reach-back” capabilities that allow access to more detailed expertise, research and data within a network of academic institutions and Centers-of-Excellence.

Functional Specialists

- Can be U.S. Navy Reservists, Government Employees and Contractors with 10-15 years of professional experience
- Have extensive professional expertise that complement civil-military operations in maritime environment
- Maintain military training in Maritime Civil Affairs, military assessments, planning and reporting

Functional Generalists

- U.S. Navy Reservists with experience with working with Inter-Agency frameworks or experience with military Headquarters Staff
- Assist with planning and executing deployments, programs and requests for support or information
- Provides detailed military experience

Capabilities

- Support complex MCA missions
- Carry out specific tasks identified in Campaign and Engagement Plans, Exercises, Global Fleet Stations or Civil-Military Operations.
- Support projects, assessments
- Support Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Missions



Fields-of-Expertise

All Functional Specialists and Generalists have specific areas of expertise. Each field-of-expertise has multiple sub-categories of focus.

- Maritime Security
- Maritime Commerce, Infrastructure and Development
- Maritime Natural Resource Management
- Maritime Public Health, Education and Administration
- Maritime Law and Governance

By building relationships through ongoing security cooperation programs, Maritime Civil Affairs and Security Training Command is moving maritime stability and security forward. For more information, contact MCAST Public Affairs at 757-492-1937.