

SECNAV Releases Report about Washington Navy Yard Tragedy

By Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus released the Department of the Navy's investigation into the circumstances surrounding the tragic events of Sept. 16, 2013, at the Washington Navy Yard.

The investigation team, led by Adm. John Richardson, focused on the prior military and employment history of the shooter, Aaron Alexis, the events of Sept. 16th, and post-incident response. The team also assessed how well the Department of the Navy implemented programs and policies designed to safeguard people and protect mission capabilities.

Specific details of the shooting and Alexis' motive are the subject of the ongoing criminal investigation and are not part of this investigation.

The investigation was convened under the Manual of the Judge Advocate General (JAGMAN), and is, therefore, commonly referred to as a "JAGMAN."

Mabus acknowledged acceptance of the JAGMAN investigation. A number of actions to deter insider threats and improve implementation of force protection, physical security, incident response and emergency management policies have already been taken. A comprehensive list of both completed and ongoing tasks is available on the Navy FOIA website at:

[https://www.foia.navy.mil/foia/webbas02.nsf/\(vwwebpage\)/home.htm?opendocument](https://www.foia.navy.mil/foia/webbas02.nsf/(vwwebpage)/home.htm?opendocument)

The JAGMAN investigation, the SECNAV memorandum accepting the JAGMAN investigation findings and recommendations and forwarding the JAGMAN investigation to the Secretary of Defense, and the SECNAV memorandum tasking DoN components are also available on the Navy FOIA website listed above.

"Safeguarding our people remains critical to our national security," said Mabus. "Through all of the actions taken as a result of the investigation, we seek to improve our ability to protect our people, and reduce the likelihood that events like this will happen again."