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RESCUE AT SEA

- On the evening of 14 Dec, MV Dawn Princess issued a distress call to the USCG for a medical emergency.

- USS Ronald Reagan was conducting training exercises approx 550 miles away.

- Once the Reagan closed within 175 miles they launched a helicopter to assist.

- Since the helo could not land they had to lower a basket to raise 14 y/o girl into the helo for transport back to USS Reagan.

- Helo returned to the Reagan where doctors performed an emergency appendectomy.
“Some people said they were amazed and pleased that we would divert an aircraft carrier to rescue a 14 year old girl.”

“What the Navy would submit is that these kinds of things happen all the time and all over the world in our Navy. The spectrum of operations we’re ready to execute range from disaster to full combat operations and everything in between.”
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- Collaborative Fire Support Agreement – Military contract tugboats to supply firefighting water to civilian fire trucks to assist in a major fire incident along San Diego commercial waterfront.
  - Commander Navy Region Southwest
  - Captain of the Port U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Diego
  - San Diego Unified Port District Harbor Police Department
  - Edison Chouest Offshore

- Emergency Response Mutual Diving Support – Explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) and detection of explosive objects in the Port of San Diego.
  - Commander Navy Region Southwest
  - San Diego Unified Port District Harbor Police Department
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- Exchange of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services.
  - Commander Navy Region Southwest Federal Fire Department
  - Orange County Fire Authority
  - Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach

- Cooperative Oil Pollution Prevention and Response.
  - Commander Navy Region Southwest
  - Captain of the Port U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Diego
  - California Department of Fish and Game Office of Spill Prevention and Response
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- San Diego Joint Harbor Operations Center (JHOC) Command, Control, Operation and Sustainment – Security and safety of port areas within San Diego harbor.
  - Commander Navy Region Southwest
  - Commander U.S. Coast Guard 11th District

- Joint Firefighting Operations on San Diego Unified Port District Marinas, Piers, Docks and other Waterborne Incidents.
  - Commander Navy Region Southwest Federal Fire Department
  - San Diego Unified Port District Harbor Police Department
  - Coronado Fire Department, Chula Vista Fire Department
  - Imperial Beach Fire Department
  - National City Fire Department
  - San Diego Fire Department