

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
AREA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2005 ~ 10:00 A.M.
Port Of Oakland Building
530 Water Street ~ 2nd Floor ~ Boardroom**

Quorum Call: (CAPT Swanson)

CAPT Gerald Swanson opened the meeting at 1002 hours, confirmed that a quorum was present and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Approval of Minutes: (Captain Lynn Korwatch)

After introductions, CAPT Swanson then asked Captain Korwatch to determine if the minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Captain Korwatch asked for questions, comment or changes to the October 12, 2004 meeting. Seeing none, Captain Korwatch moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Comments by the Chair: (CAPT Gerald Swanson)

CAPT Swanson proudly announced that all of Northern California's waterfront facility plans were completed and successfully approved. VADM Harvey Johnson forwarded his congratulations to this Committee for all the hard work and successful partnering within the industry.

Member Agency/Industry Reports (AMSC Membership)

CAPT Swanson asked all members to introduce themselves and give any brief updates or comments.

- FBI – Introduced new members of the Joint Terrorism Task Force.
- Captain Steve Ware – discussed waterfront awareness and reemphasized to boaters to notify them immediately when they witness suspicious activity.
- Mr. Ed Hughlett - Created a 40-minute training presentation for vendors that do part time work around the facilities. Promoting security awareness for all related workers throughout the harbor and maritime industry.
- John Davy, Port of San Francisco - reported a joint table exercise held in December in conjunction with OES and local first responders. There were lots of lessons learned. The Port of San Francisco continues to proceed with construction projects related to port security regulations with a projected completion date of April/May 2005. New guard stations will be added at the gates to inspect trucks coming into the facility. The advanced technical system installed will allow the guards to view the drivers and any passengers on a split computer screen. The computer photos will be tracked and matched in the system for confirmation.
- Kenny Levin, San Francisco Bar Pilots - reported of ongoing projects with the Sea Marshals, strengthening the pilot station at Pier 9 and an effort to ensure that Channel 9 remains open as an important part of their communication access.
- CAPT Swanson - introduced Colonel Jack Hagan, the Acting Director for the State of California Military Department Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program. Col Hagan gave a brief history and presentation on the Golden Guardian Statewide Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Exercise. Their organization

conducted the first U.S. Security Exercise and will be conducting three more in 2005. Pending approval, Northern California is slated for November of this year. The exercise allows Ports to test all aspects of their security plans and create any corrective action plans necessary for success in the event of a real emergency. Attendees inquired if there was funding available to participate in this exercise. Staff explained that funding from Homeland security had already been dispersed to the states, counties etc.

Working Group Reports: (Capt Gerald M. Swanson)

Security Zone Work Group (LT. Doug Ebbers)

Pamphlets have been distributed regarding security zones. The working group has been studying security zone planning around the five major facilities that contain oil and oil tankers. There are no resources to maintain a constant presence around these facilities. The group is compiling information to submit to the facilities in an effort to clarify any concerns. Members are campaigning to the legal department of the USCG to approve the new security zone plans for oil terminals. CAPT Swanson further explained that the Commandant wants consistency between the ports and that our oil terminals are structured differently.

Communications/HOMEPORT Update (Mr. Paul Martin)

HOMEPORT is an Internet link between the maritime industry and U.S. Coast Guard. It is a primary link to communicate MARSEC level changes, maritime industry information as well as sensitive security information. HOMEPORT uses a tiered user access security scheme. The lowest level will allow public access general port security information; the next higher tier will allow security officers access to SSI material and their security plans; the next higher level will allow AMSC members access to SSI material and the AMS Plan; with the highest level reserved to USCG personnel to coordinate port security issues with the public

HOMEPORT is the US Coast Guard communications link to the Maritime industry. It will encompass security outreach, secure Information, collaboration between committees, vessel and facility management, personalized content such as plan review status, and plan management. HOMEPORT is scheduled to commence by Spring 2005. Currently, it uses e-mail for its user notification system; this will be expanded to pagers and text messaging in later editions. SF Marine Exchange will place a link on the homeport to their site to access more local information.

Department of Homeland Security Agencies (Mr. Greg Lingle)

Upon approval of an External MOU with local authorities, the Coast Guard will install computer data and telephone lines in Gresham Hall on Coast Guard Island that will allow all local DHS agencies to meet there as the Department's EOC.

Security Drill and Exercise (Mr. Ken Leverich)

The goal of the working group is to recommend a standard exercise, drill format, and levels of personnel training. Three sub-work groups were formed to prepare a sample drill plan template and after action report. Draft reports should be completed soon and ready for review. Col. Hagan of OHS offered to share similar existing documents from the Office of

Domestic Preparedness with the working group. Mr. Leverich invited any interested parties to attend their next meeting.

Recreational Boater Outreach (Mr. Greg Lingle)

Mr. Lingle described a new project, Post 911 Guide, a reference to reporting suspicious activity. It is a video production based on a script that the working group developed to assist with a storyboard/production of a video. Additional brochures and posters will be distributed throughout the harbor to keep reinforcing safety and security regulations. One AMSC member expressed concern with the lack of knowledge small boaters have regarding security and safety regulations. How many small boater look at video – we attempt to interject that information to boaters at the time of acquisition. Cruise Industry Representative expressed concern about small passenger vessels coming very close to large ships.

General Reports: (CAPT Gerald Swanson)

Intelligence Brief (LT Anita Scott)

October 4, 2004, FIST San Francisco identified U.S. film processing company located in Texas that had developed a photograph of the SF skyline, which also displayed a device with duct tape and wires believed to be a bomb. It was later determined through investigation that it was only camera device.

November 5, 2004, an unidentified person was video taping DOW Chemical Plant in Pittsburgh. After investigating the individual, it was found that he was on assignment from BART in a professional capacity to video tape that area for a project.

Commandant Port Security Assessment (Mr. Smith)

Mr. Smith, Exercise Coordinator, advised members that a February 2005 the Commandant sponsored security assessment of San Francisco Bay will begin. Contracted security specialists will be viewing and planning their site visits to commence the assessment. The group consists of four navy seals, two technical writers and Mr. Smith as the team leader. The team is from Virginia and is a contractor of the Coast Guard. The group is asking for local cooperation, input and recommendations for special areas. Asset Information forms will only be forwarded to designated site areas. Port assessment and GIS information will also be included in these reports as well.

The team will focus on:

- The navigation system,
- Key port assets, and
- Weak points within the Bay Area.

The Bart tunnels, and power lines to Yerba Buena, Coast Guard Island, and the substation near the Customs Office at the Port of Oakland, are also under consideration. The Assessment will be conducted beginning Feb 7th through February 27th. Information from previous vulnerability assessments last year will enhance or be coupled with the current assessments in progress. All information is treated as SSI and persons must sign disclosure forms if they are working with and have access to this report. The purpose of the report is to assist the port in the prevention of security dangers. Upon completion of

this report, a copy will be forwarded to the Captain of Ports. Lt. Campbell, U.S. Coast Guard will be the primary local point of contact.

Mr. Smith encourages members and attendees to give any information regarding other areas of high risks or potential special interests that are not on the previous mentioned list. Visits take typically one to two hours.

AMSC Members requested the Homeland Security team to review the tentative security zones recommended by the Committee's working group for future consideration and reference to their officials. AMSC Members inquired about the selection criteria in choosing the Port of Oakland's Howard Terminal for a site visit. Staff explained that Howard Terminal predominantly has domestic cargo and it is logistically closest to the inland. Members suggested other terminals be selected instead.

It was recommended that the Homeland Security team contact the Navy's 3rd Fleet to access their quarterly assessments. Navy and DOD conduct their own assessment. We will make sure not to duplicate. Please send any additional comments to Capt Swanson or Mr. Paul Martin.

Public Comment

Q: Can mandatory security annual audits be performed by internal auditors? – Valero

A: Yes, that this is a part of the normal duties of the facility security officer.

Old Business (CAPT Gerald Swanson)

CAPT Swanson chartered the Port Reopening Workgroup (a copy of the charter was given to each AMSC member). This workgroup would provide a draft port reopening plan and recommendations to the Committee by the July 12, 2005, AMSC meeting.

New Business Items (Capt Gerald Swanson)

Installment of a New Member

Mark Wollman (Immigration and Customs Enforcement/ICE) was sworn in as a Committee member. Mr. Wollman is replacing Mr. Simonson (who retired).

Review AMSC Charter for Amendments

There was discussion and a move to amend the Committee Charter to allow members to designate alternates that may sit at the roundtable and perform membership duties in their absence. The motion was seconded and unanimously *passed*. *Mr. Paul Martin will revise the charter to present at our next Committee Meeting.*

New Coast Guard capabilities include dogs and diving teams.

The meeting was adjourned at 1143 hours.

Next meeting will be held April 12, 2005 at the Port of Oakland, 2nd Fl. Boardroom, Oakland, California.