

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
AREA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 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 1000 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 January 19, 2005 meeting minutes. The following clarification was noted:

Under the heading of Member Agency/Industry Reports, Kenny Levins, SF Bar Pilots – commented that Channel 7 replaces Channel 9. With the clarification noted, Captain Korwatch moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Comments by the Chair: (CAPT Gerald Swanson)

CAPT Swanson commented on the following items:

- Regulated navigation areas of the 6 major oil terminals effective immediately
- National Maritime Security Advisory Committee members include Mary Culhane and Ted Mar
- The Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security and law enforcement are continuing to work together at the Port of Oakland
- Advance Notice of Arrival is on track, in the last 30-40 days ships have had their notices in, systems are in place, as well as responses from the Coast Guard
- The Port Workgroup is actively developing plans on the West Coast
- Changes to federal regulations for the temporary zones of Monterey and Humboldt are now permanent.

Since this meeting was open to the public, CAPT Swanson asked all members to introduce themselves and give a brief introduction and comment on what they are currently working on, included was an announcement for this years Fleet Week which will be held October 8, 9, & 10th with the Blue Angels.

Member Agency/Industry Reports:

Golden Guardian 2004/2005 Brief (presentation by COL Hagan)

A short description of highlights of the presentation:

Col Hagan brings expertise to training and exercise.

Functional areas and types of expertise, disciplines in Homeland Security Program Team

Description of August GG 2004 and how the Port of Oakland was involved 2005 Objectives including Preparation, Response & Recovery Modes

GG 2005 will span from April through mid November 2005

GG 2006 future Goals & Contacts: Lt. Col John Gaillard,
Email: johngaillard@ca.ngb.army.mil phone: 916-826-4722
Additional contacts are: Mike Smith and Istvan Teth

VTS Report (CDR Cook)

AIS is at a 90% compliance rate, and actual tracking is 80-90% with the AIS system. AIS aids the Coast Guard in tracking vessels as far as Sacramento & Stockton. The bugs are being worked out of the system.

CDR Cook read a letter dated March 10, 2005 detailing the Dock address System for the San Francisco Bay Region (copy attached). Changes in the system may be coming based on international guidelines. Currently, it is up to the vessel master on what is broadcast, regarding security, however Vessel Traffic is putting the information out over the radio.

(CAPT Swanson comments that significant improvements of safety & response have been made with 100% compliance of deep draft commercial vessels.

Working Group Reports:

Security Zone Work Group (LT. Doug Ebbers)

6 Oil facility piers were agreed upon for inclusion in the regulated navigation areas and are now in effect. There are fines & penalties for entering 100 yards into the waters and around the piers. There will be uniform buoys as well as signage put in place. (effective through Oct 2005)

Pamphlets have been distributed regarding security zones and are being duplicated as posters.

(CAPT Swanson commented that the appropriate restricted areas are now in place).

Communications/HOMEPORT Update (Mr. Paul Martin)

HOMEPOR is available to view only as a prototype on the Internet. There has been no progress on Homeport to report. No one at the Coast Guard has been available to discuss the lack of progress.

(CAPT Swanson expressed his disappointment with regards to Homeport, and wants the issue brought to attention in Washington. The Marine Exchange already had something in place and was told that it was not needed because HOMEPOR would be up & running shortly).

Security Drill and Exercise (Mr. William Eisenhart)

The Training & Exercise Workgroup Report, Sample Drill plan template and after action report is finished and available. Everyone worked together and kept the "keep it simple" rule in mind. The drill or exercise results could be given to a Coast Guard officer for review to see if they were successful. Mr. Ken Leverich added additional comments and questioned when it would be available electronically.

(Capt Swanson added further comments and suggested that the template be implemented immediately). Mr. Leverich suggested it be given to CAPT Lynn Korwatch to be posted on the web via the Marine Exchange Website.

Port Reopening (Mr. Paul Martin for Mr. Ray Boyle)

The Port Reopening Workgroup has met three times since January, and generated a draft plan that should be ready to meet the July deadline. Included in the plan are prioritizing protocols, back logged cargo & zoning of the port complex as well as the Captain of the Port Advisory Group. Future discussion will be at the next meeting on April 22. The plan will be tested later in the year.

Department of Homeland Security Workgroup update (Mr. Greg Lingle)

A coordination center will be located at Coast Guard Island, where work is currently underway to retrofit 8 rooms for an emergency center. Laptops and go kits are being purchased for the rooms.

Recreational Boater Outreach (Mr. Greg Lingle)

The final report covered the goals started in July 2004, which were to establish a security zone brochure and waterways security card, which have been met. The working group can be reactivated as necessary by contacting the Coast Guard. There is now work underway to create a recreational boater database which will be available to the Captain of the Port. Outreach with the Sea Scouts concerning security zones, etc. has been well received. Thanks were extended to all who participated and helped.

General Reports:

Intelligence Brief (presentation by LT Anita Scott)

A snap shot of suspicious activity at and around the Ports included: radiation at the TraPac terminal, suspicious diving & suspicious packages. Reported activity was through April 4.

TSA/USCG PortSTEP Brief (presentation by Mimi Bolatti of Unitech for Mr. White)

Senior managers at the Department of Homeland Security selected Unitech to run the PortSTEP program, which focuses on the Ports and how to respond. This is partnered with TSA and the Coast Guard. San Francisco is scheduled for an exercise in August.

Program objectives are: to develop awareness, foster & support relationships, NIMS proficiency and to promote better information sharing.

Initial planning dates will be announced to avoid conflict in scheduling, mid planning will be in June with final planning in July.

GAO Report on Seaport Security Exercises (Mr. Paul Martin)

In regards to the Port of Oakland, we have been exceedingly proactive & have already addressed many of the issues following, which are addressed at the national level:

Inabilities included- sharing of information, communications, lack of joint training and after action reports. Communications were good with the Coast Guard in Alameda County. The biggest shortfall was HOMEPORT even though we were all set to go with the Marine Exchange.

ELEVATE SHEILD 05 Report (Mr. Paul Martin)

In February 2005, the security exercise conducted in August 2004 became the first exercise to be accredited by the Commander Pacific Area.

This August's Elevate Shield 2005 exercise is the first that will be aligned with the Golden Guardian 2005. Coordinating with Col. Gaillard on exercise goals, scenarios will be the same and hopes are that it will be a good preparation for the Port of Oakland for

November. Unitech has been chosen by TSA for the Elevate Shield exercises, the location is to be announced, it may be at Coast Guard Island.

Bill Eisenhardt comments that all agencies should be coordinating exercises to get the most benefit between state and local agencies.

2005 will be a tabletop exercise, the next full exercise will be in 3 years and current TSA grant funding is only for a tabletop exercise.

Overview of NMSAC (presentation by Ms. Mary Culnane)

Included in the presentation were an overview and vision of NSPD 41& HSPD 13.

The focus of this group includes credentialing, the TWIX Card, as well as communication procedures. This is a fast acting group with prompt deadlines which will be met. The results of the TWIX card will be available after June 2, 2005. Contact for this group is Capt. Frank Sturm USCG Executive Director MNSAC, fweturm@comdt.uscg.mil, phone is 202-267-0250.

Public Comment

There was public comment concerning the Coast Guard website, and the upcoming Coast Guard Innovation Expo in Santa Clara, which will be held in the first week of May and is open to the public.

There was also further comment about the suspicious diving and coordination with the Sheriff's department in the future.

Old Business (CAPT Gerald Swanson)

AMSC Charter Amendments were reviewed and with no opposition noted, the motion was carried with no one opposed.

New Business Items

CAPT Lynn Korwatch announced the Marine Exchange's MAYDAY Party coming up on May 12, 2005, all in attendance are invited, please RSVP.

CAPT Gerald Swanson announced that Frank Johnston is now Rear Admiral Select, and that the next meeting which is scheduled for July 12, will be his last.

There will be a Change in Command /Sector San Francisco Bay Ceremony on July 15, 2005

The meeting was adjourned.

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