

**Northern California
Area Maritime Security Committee
Draft Minutes of Meeting
October 11th, 2005
Port of Oakland**

Quorum Call

- **Capt. William Uberti**, USCG, called the meeting to order at 1005.
- **Capt. Lynn Korwatch**, Marine Exchange, confirmed a quorum of the committee.

Approval of the Minutes – Capt. Korwatch

- There were no corrections to the minutes. A motion to accept passed without dissent.

Comments by the Chair – Capt. Uberti

- The region had been at MARSEC 1 since the last meeting.
- Pulse operations had caused temporary MARSEC changes that did not effect industry or the community.
- Sector San Francisco is up and running.
- A Port Security Grant worth 2.887 million dollars has been awarded to the Port of Oakland.

Capt. Uberti asked **Mr. Raymond Boyle**, Port of Oakland, to speak about the grant. **Mr. Boyle** said that \$450,000 dollars would be going to outside contractors working at the port. The rest of the money is to create a waterside surveillance system, attached to USCG, local police, and company security through the internet.

Capt. Uberti resumed his comments:

- Over one thousand vessels had participated in Fleet Week with only one or two small incidents. The event went smoothly.
- Our region is the prototype for a program to combine (where possible) USCG and Customs and Border Protection boardings of vessels. The goal is to alleviate redundancy and save money for industry and government.

Capt. Uberti responded to questions:

- It remains to be worked out whether CBP will be boarding at sea. The expectation is that it will be more on the shore side.

Capt. Uberti asked the new members of the committee to introduce themselves. They were Sgt. Jim Lambert, Alameda Sheriff's Marine Patrol; Mr. Robert Samaan, California Office of Homeland Security; Mr. Mike McKinley, San Francisco Office of Emergency Services. **Capt. Uberti** swore the new members into service on the committee.

Member Agency/Industry Reports – AMSC Membership

Mr. Mark Ayers, Chevron – Texaco, reported on plans for refinery drills in October:

- In the first drill six separate teams of local agencies and Bay Area Task Force (BATF) would draw scenarios out of hat for an all day exercise followed by round table discussion for lessons learned.
- The second drill is planned for the local FBI Swat team to familiarize themselves with ships and refineries.

Mr. Ayers responded to questions:

- Natural disaster exercises mainly focus on business continuity plans and how to meet commitments.

Mr. Jim Swindler, Golden Gate Ferry, reported on SAIL pilot project co-sponsored by TSA and USCG:

- It was a temporary program to test explosive trace detection equipment at the Larkspur and San Francisco ferry terminals to screen passengers. This was the first test of its kind in the nation.
- Eight thousand boarding passengers were tested with only five positive results as a result of gardening or other harmless activity.
- Those involved felt the demo was successful.

Mr. Swindler responded to questions:

- There were no delays of departures and only one three minute suspension of operations.
- TSA participation was by their traveling group.
- Any arrests would have been made by local police.

Mr. Boyle reported on a \$750,000 grant from the state of California:

- Some of the money will go to training port security officers to meet certification required by 33 CFR.
- The rest of the money will go to equipment like mobile traffic barriers, replacement boats for the OPD, and computer systems to link the port and OPD.

Capt. Korwatch reported on projects at the Marine Exchange:

- The AIS project that we have been working on with OSPR these past few years is in place.
- The national association of Exchanges continues to work with Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) and USCG to improve maritime domain awareness.
- The Marine Exchange is consulting with the State of Hawaii and the Honolulu Bar Pilots to implement an AIS system in their region.

Work Group Reports

Communications (HOMEPORT brief)

Lt. Aja Kirksey gave a presentation on HOMEPORT (a copy of the announcement MSIB is in the members' folders).

Lt. Kirksey responded to questions:

- Will continue to use fax for alerts but will be adding email soon.
- Text messaging will be added to future versions of HOMEPORT

ICS Working Group Final Report

Mr. Eric Imhoff, Contra Costa Sheriff's Department, gave a presentation of the final ICS report (material is SSI) (copy in the members' folders).

Public Affairs Working Group Final Report

Mr. Martin gave a report on the new Standard Operation Procedure for Public Information Officer's and Joint Information Centers (a copy is included in the members' folders).

Intelligence Brief – SA Scott Rutz

- **Capt. Uberti** said that **SA Rutz** had been called away on duty at the last minute. There was nothing to report.

Golden Guardian 2005 – Mr. Paul Martin

- This State sponsored exercise is scheduled to take place in Sacramento and Oakland on November 15th and 16th, 2005.
- There are many incidents that will play out in eleven different scenarios designed to stress the response system.
- Day one will involve small craft response. Day two will be a command post exercise.
- The only waterside exercises will be in Oakland. A shore-side terminal will be involved in Sacramento.

PortSTEP-Elevate Shield 2005 Brief – Mr. Paul Martin

- The first Elevate Shield exercise was held August 18th. It was the first joint exercise between TSA and USCG.
- There were some problems; but valuable lessons were learned. Local agencies need more training on both the National Response Plan and the National Incident Management System, and that all jurisdictions had to be in compliance with Homeland Security Directive 5 by January 2007. The COTP has reviewed the contractor's draft after action report and returned it with comments; the final report is due in December 2005.
- Sector San Francisco has requested another ICS-320, Incident Management Team, training for June/July 2006, and AMSC members are encouraged to attend.
- Members of the committee are encouraged to take advantage of the online FEMA training courses at <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>. The recommended titles are IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800.

- The Area Maritime Security Plan is being amended to reflect lessons learned over the past year and should be submitted for review by Coast Guard Eleventh District and Pacific Area commands in November 2005.

Port Reopening Plan and Industry EX Template – Mr. Paul Martin

- Industry put a lot of hard work into the exercise with good results.
- USCG HQ has adopted our plan as a best practices template for national use as future amendment to NVIC 9-02.

Hurricane Katrina Update – LtCmdr. Mike Lebsack

- Thanked those who were able to go to the Gulf to assist. Thanked those who donated and those who covered for those sent to the Gulf.
- LCDR Lebsack spent twenty-six days as the deputy at the Mobile ICS. The area of responsibility ended at the Mississippi-Louisiana border. There were 250 people working in the command post and 1,900 in the field - including assets from the Canadian Coast Guard and Navy.
- During that period 4,800 lives were saved and 600 pollution cases were responded to.
- Many lessons were learned including the importance of re-opening ports, rails, airports, and highways to move food fuel and water. Lessons learned will be useful to the Port Reopening Plan committee.
- ICS was key to flexible and effective response. Where the situation broke there was no ICS planning or it was weakly implemented. Lessons learned will be fed back into the ICS planning cycle for future training and exercises.

LtCmdr. Lebsack asked **Mr. Kenneth Levin**, San Francisco Bar Pilots, what he had been hearing from other pilots after Katrina. **Mr. Levin** said that they were hearing the same problem from the Gulf that had been experienced after the 1989 Loma Prieta quake and the 9/11 attack in New York. In each case it was extremely difficult for pilots and crews to pass through various security points to do their work. **Mr. Levin** stressed the point that a complete collapse in communication was a major part of the problem.

The issue of Pilot credentialing was discussed as Mr. Levin discussed that pilots in the hurricane affected area had problems getting past police lines to get to their assigned ships; and that a similar situation could happen here in the event of a natural disaster or transportation security incident. Mr. Samaan offered to take up this issue with the State of California, Governor's Office of Homeland Security. Captain Uberti thanked Mr. Samaan for taking on this issue at the State level.

New Sector Organization – Cmdr. Pauline Cook

- A presentation outlining the organization of the Sector (a copy is in the member's folders).

Public Comment

- There was no public comment

New Business

Mr. Martin said that many projects of the committee were now coming to an end as final reports were being presented. He recommended that the committee consider standing sub-committees that might include communications, exercises and lessons learned, and representatives from the Neptune Coalition. **Capt. Uberti** asked members of the committee to give their feedback on the idea and said that the topic would be on the January agenda.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

- **Capt. Uberti** called the next meeting for January 10th, 2006 at the Port of Oakland.
- A motion to adjourn was made, and seconded. It passed without dissent. The meeting was adjourned at 1117.

