

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE
MEETING (UNCLASSIFIED) MINUTES
PORT OF OAKLAND BUILDING
OCTOBER 10, 2006

1. Quorum Call

The chair (CAPT. Uberti) called the meeting to order and asked the secretariat (Capt. Korwatch) to tally those Committee members present for a quorum and was notified by Capt. Korwatch that a quorum was present. CAPT Uberti then introduced RADM Breckenridge to the committee.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Capt. Korwatch asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Levin requested that the minutes be corrected by replacing the name of Kenny Levin for Ken Leverich. After the requested correction the minutes were approved.

3. Comments by the Chair

RADM Breckenridge thanked the AMSC for inviting her to attend today's meeting. The admiral spoke about the Port Partnership program and how it brings visibility of port resources, risks and fosters collaboration. The admiral commended the AMS Committee for their support of this program.

RADM Breckenridge appointed the following persons to the Committee and administered the oath of office:

- Ms. Jessica Cummings – Governor's Office of Homeland Security, and
- Mr. Bob Blanchett – Teamsters Union

CAPT Uberti welcomed the new members to the AMSC and stated that the following personnel will have their appointed membership expire soon:

- Mr. Richard Ascheris of the Port of Stockton
- Catherine Hooper-Shipping Agent
- David Hull-Port of Humboldt Bay
- Lawrence Thibeaux of the ILWU.

CAPT Uberti then discussed the results of the last round of Port Security Grants. Port of Richmond received \$1.1 million. The Ports of Oakland or San Francisco received any grant money. There was a meeting between the COTP and local members of Congress this past week regarding the last round of Port Security Grants. Congress intends to have a meeting the Department of Homeland Security regarding the Port Security Grant program and their selection process.

Fleet Week 5-10Oct06 was a success. CAPT Uberti thanked all participants for the superb support and service. He reported that there were no security breaches. Various local city and county LE supported this event.

Transportation Workers Identification Credentials (TWIC). CAPT Uberti reported that he requested of Coast Guard Headquarters that the Port of Oakland be one of the ports to participate in the TWIC pilot program. He stated that LT Ellis Moose will provide a full report later on in this meeting.

4. Member Agency/Industry Reports

CAPT Lynn Korwatch (SF Marine Exchange) had nothing to report.

Ms. Jessica Cummings (CA Homeland Security Office) stated that:

- \$3.2 million were distributed for the Port Security Grants.
- There will be a meeting in Washington DC between the major port representatives and the Department of Homeland Security on 25-27Oct06.
- The President (United States) signed the SAFEPART act.
- She also indicated that at the 15-17Aug06 Maritime Transportation Security workshop an executive steering committee was formed to tackle related issues and initiatives.
- The CHP will lead this conference which will be held on 15-20Oct06, discussion Nuclear Detection Issues in San Diego, CA.
- On 24-25Oct06 a group involved with Underwater Terrorism Prevention Plan will visit the Port of Oakland's Radiation Portal Monitors. They will be contacting Paul Martin.

Mr. Bob Blanchett (Teamsters) had nothing to report.

Mr. Kenny Levin (SF Bar Pilots) reported that his company experienced Continuity of Operations related incident where his phones and computer lines were shut down due to a contractor cutting them. Because of this, Mr. Levin is looking into satellite communications capabilities or some other form of back-up telecommunications.

Mike McKinley (SF Office of Emergency Services) stated that their focus is now on the Golden Guardian Exercise to be held on 15Nov06.

Mr. Chris Beckwith (CA State Lands Commission) had nothing to report.

Mr. Eric Imhof (Contra Costa County Sheriff's Dept) stated that they received Port Security Grant money (part of the \$1.1 million that the Port of Richmond received) and that he had nothing else to report.

Mr. Pete Bonebakker (Conoco Phillips) stated that there was a Security/Spill exercise at the Vallero Refinery in the San Pablo Bay. In this exercise they used a drone aircraft that gave live feed of the area being surveyed.

Mr. Ed Hughlett (Marine Terminals Corporation) stated that his terminals are implementing Access Control Procedures invoked by the COTP within the Port of

Oakland. He also stated that they are days away from full implementation of the Gate Readers and Cards that were set up with the Pacific Maritime Association. Lessons learned from this implementation will be applied to the new TWIC pilot program.

Mr. Jim Swindler (Golden Gate Ferry) stated that there was a suspicious package incident on one of the ferries near the Larkspur Terminal. He stated that the CG Vessel Traffic Service helped resolve the situation by establishing communications with First Responders, including the UC Berkeley Bomb Squad (who eventually brought resolution). The suspicious package turned out to be an automobile roadside assistance kit. Scott Rutz of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force stated that there are Memorandum of Agreements for sharing of Bomb Squads throughout the SF Bay Area.

Mr. Lawrence Thibeaux (ILWU) reported some of the problems with the PMA card readers and ID cards for Access Control:

- Cracked ID cards
- Hard to handle high volumes of personnel traffic (not enough turn-styles)

In response, CAPT Uberti stated that he met with each of the Facility Security Officers in the Port of Oakland.

Mr. Bruce Clark (CAL Maritime Academy, and standing in for Dr. Eisenhard) announced the launching of a web-based online maritime security training (awareness level). Dr. Eisenhard (CAL Maritime Academy, the regular member arrived and took Mr. Clark's spot) Dr. Eisenhard also stated that he will be going to China to discuss supply chain management security.

Mr. Mike O'Brien (Port of Oakland) stated that he was surprised the Port of Oakland was classified as a Tier 4 Port and not more critical. 85% of this year's Port Security Grants were given out to Tier 1-3 Ports and that Tier 4 Ports only received 15%. Mike O'Brien also stated that he will look into the MSRAM data with CG Sector SF. He announced that there would be a Port of Oakland Facility Security Officer meeting on 18Oct06 and that their will be Military Outload Command Post Exercise on 1Nov06. Jessica Cummings inquired the definition of the Tier System with Department of Homeland Security, **but DHS would not provide her with that information.**

Ms. Sidney Sansom (Port of SF) echoed the statement made by Mr. O'Brien regarding the Port Security Grant funding process. She agreed with CAPT Uberti that Fleet Week was a success and thanked the Coast Guard and the Neptune Coalition for their tremendous support. Currently, Port of SF is working on the upcoming Golden Guardian Exercise and that they are installing new fencing in certain locations.

S/A Scott Rutz (Coast Guard Liaison to the FBI-Joint Terrorism Task Force) has nothing to report.

RADM Frank Johnston (Maritime Administration) stated that they review the Port Security Grants for requirements compliance purposes (they are not involved with the selection process) and then they forward them on to DHS. He stated that MARAD has 11 ships available (have 96 hour activation capability) for any agency to use as training platforms (they are free of charge except on weekends). Those interested should establish a MOA with them.

S/A Steve Baxter (Customs and Border Protection) announced that John Leyden had retired in May 2006. He announced that the new Director of CBP is Richard Vigna. CAPT Uberti announced that CBP has a field office at the CG Sector SF Prevention Bldg 14 on CG Island, Alameda, CA 94501.

Mr. Randy Trudeau (Pacific Inter-coastal Yachting Association) had nothing to report.

Mr. Mark Ayers (Chevron Oil) reported that they are reviewing the Oil Spill Response organizations in his jurisdiction and is looking into converting them into All Hazards Response organizations. He stated that Chevron supported the Port Security Grants process for Contra Costa County Sheriffs and that they will continue to support their implementation of the money received.

Mr. Tom Maruyama (Transportation Security Administration) stated that Transportation Security Administration is officially intermodal. See Paul Martin for list of contact information that supports this intermodal capability. He also stated that Oakland Airport is only 1 of 8 airports nationwide to acquire a Bomb Appraisal Officer position. He stated that Alameda County Sheriffs are the mutual aid coordinator for the Bay Area counties.

5. Work Group Reports

- Lessons Learned Work Group – Mr. Chris Beckwith (State Lands Commission) stated that a local lessons learned work group is partnering with the SF Marine Exchange to explore the feasibility of maintaining a local lessons learned database for industry port stakeholders at the SF Marine Exchange, and that their next meeting will be on November 9, 2006.
- Emergency Communications Work Group - Paul Martin read the Charter's goals and purpose and stated that the Regional Emergency Communications Plan is currently being routed through Sector SF and that this plan has been reviewed by the CA OES. He stated that the CG Sector SF Emergency Communications Trailer uses VHF, UHF, and Satellite and may have Microwave capabilities in the future. Mr. Martin also stated that the Sector

SF Emergency Communications Trailer may be used during upcoming Golden Guardian Exercise.

6. General Reports

- Intel Brief - S/A Scott Rutz (FBI-JTTF) stated that there are currently no identified maritime threats, which is largely due to good interagency cooperation and effective reporting.
- Facility Access Work Groups - LT Ellis Moose reported on the progress of the Access Control initiative (pre-TWIC efforts) for the Port of Oakland. He officially announced the implementation of the SAFEPORT ACT pilot program (use of the TWIC system for the Port of Oakland). TWIC is joint CG/TSA initiative designed to give 750K port employees a transportation identification card for security authentication purposes. Again, please speak with LT Moose on this program.

7. Public Comment

No public comments made.

8. Old Business

No old business issues were raised.

9. New Business

- Mr. Pete Bonebaker (Connoco-Phillips) raised a dredging challenge issue. That in moving a high volume of deep drafts (large ships) the channels (of the SF Bay area) need to be dredged and maintained to accommodate them. This is a potential port recovery issue and also a Harbor Safety Committee issue. Dredging operations at Pinole Shoal is of concern; as there is only a narrow (weather) window to dredge. Kenny Levin (SF Bar Pilots) stated that they are getting the US Army Corps of Engineer Commanding Officer to view the dredging issue first hand. CAPT Uberti said that this is an issue best taken up with the Harbor Safety Committee.
- New Work Group - the Captain of the Port is chartering a Trucker Access Work Group to review trucker access at various seaports. Persons interested in participating in this work group should contact Mr. Paul Martin in person by telephone (415-399-7327) or by e-mail (Paul.R.Martin@uscg.mil).

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Northern California AMS Committee will be at the Port of Oakland on January 9, 2007 from 1000 to 1130.

11. A closed door meeting of the Committee was held after the public meeting that addressed sensitive security information related an upcoming event and a recent port security exercise.

12. Adjournment

CAPT Uberti motioned the meeting adjourn, which was seconded and approved.