

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING (UNCLASSIFIED) MINUTES  
FORT MASON CENTER  
July 8, 2008

**1. Quorum Call**

The chair, **CAPT Paul Gugg**, called the meeting to order at 1003.

**CAPT Gugg** asked the secretariat, **CAPT Lynn Korwatch**, if there was a quorum of the committee. **CAPT Korwatch** said that there was.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

There were no corrections to the minutes. A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed without discussion or dissent.

**3. Comments by the Chair**

**CAPT Gugg** thanked those present for their attendance and commended the active participation of the community.

The region was at MARSEC Level One.

Vigilance is still encouraged given the increase of metal theft for scrap and reports of unauthorized photographers at local refineries.

**Mr. Henry Ryan** was sworn in as the new representative for MARAD.

**4. Member Agency/Industry Reports**

**Mr. Bruce Clark**, California Maritime Academy: They are finishing construction of their crisis simulation center.

**Deputy Robert Brandt**, Alameda County Maritime Patrol: There was nothing to report.

**Mr. Eric Imhof**, Contra Costa County: There was nothing to report.

**Mr. Chris Beckwith**, California State Lands Commission: There was nothing to report.

**Mr. Scott Rutz**, FBI: There was nothing to report.

**Mr. Edward Gomez**, TSA: Their cargo screening canine teams were coming online. One hundred teams were deployed and they are scheduled to go to five hundred. They look forward to cooperating with other agencies.

**Mr. Vigna**, CBP: They expected to have mobile x-ray scanners delivered by the end of July. Training and licensing was scheduled for August.

**CAPT Korwatch**: Would give her report on grants at a separate point in the agenda.

**Mr. Ryan:** He is pleased to represent MARAD on the committee. He said that their assets are available for training exercises.

**RADM Frances Johnston,** San Francisco Bar Pilot Commission: provided general comments about their investigation into the COSCO BUSAN incident.

**Mr. George Lerner,** Port of Stockton: They are gearing up for TWIC registration in August. TSA thinks four hundred cards will need to be issued. The Port of Stockton estimates the number is more like four thousand.

**Ms Sidonie Sansom,** Port of San Francisco: Industry Day, the Olympic Torch run, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations had all gone smoothly and without incident. She thanked sponsors and the Neptune Coalition for all of their help. Their TWIC center is open, but there had not been a lot of business yet. They have talked to Lockheed about a mobile enrolment unit. The California National Guard will be assessing security vulnerabilities at San Francisco and other California ports over the next two years.

**Mr. Tom Wilson,** Port of Richmond: The second phase of their closed circuit TV security system is coming up.

**Mr. Mike O'Brien,** Port of Oakland: They are getting ready for the Silver Sentinel exercise. It will be a command post exercise simulating a 6.9 scale earthquake on the Hayward Fault October 23, 2008. They are also getting ready for the National Guard assessment.

**Chief Mark Ayers,** Chevron: They would be hosting part of the Urban Shield exercise and an EPA spill response exercise. Five suspects had been arrested for stealing copper material in Richmond. They are talking to Cal Trans about putting cameras on the Richmond-San Rafael bridge so that they can see the face of their wharves.

**Mr. Ed Hughlett,** Marine Terminals Corporation: PMA and the ILWU were in contract negotiations.

**CAPT Paul Londynsky,** Matson Navigation: Their security plan is up for its five year review and renewal.

**Mr. Lorenzo Looper,** Metropolitan Stevedore Company: The cruise season was half way through and there had only been problems with some crew from two ships not returning from leave.

**Mr. Jim Swindler,** Golden Gate Ferry: They were preparing for a table-top exercise that would simulate an IED on a ferry boat. Coast Guard and TSA were involved, and they planned to test VMAP.

**Mr. Gunnar Lundeberg,** Sailors Union of the Pacific: He had had difficulties with the fingerprint part of the TWIC registration and had been told to come back in late August or early September. He said he had heard of many other people having problems with the fingerprint system.

**Mr. Dave Gonzalez, ILWU:** They were not aware of the update process for terminal security plans, and they would like to participate in the process. **CAPT Gugg** said he would speak to **Mr. Gonzalez** about that after the meeting.

## **5. Work Group Reports**

### **AMSP Review Workgroup – Mr. Paul Martin**

They held their first meeting on July 2 to discuss the status of NAVIC 9-02 and how to proceed. They were in the process of reviewing information in the plan and reaching out to others for their input. Posting on the Homeport portal will be cleared up so that people can find the documents for review. Their goal is to have a working draft in September and a final draft in December. That document will be presented to the AMSC for a vote at the January 2009 meeting. If it is approved, it will work its way up the Coast Guard command chain.

## **6. General Reports**

### **Intelligence Brief – Mr. Rutz, FBI**

There were no significant incidents to report. They continue to receive excellent cooperation from the maritime community.

### **Neptune Coalition Brief – Deputy Brandt**

There was nothing to report.

### **Fiduciary Agent's Report – CAPT Korwatch**

A draft report on the 2007 round of FEMA grants was nearly complete. It was planned that it be posted on the Marine Exchange web site by mid-August for community review.

Twenty-five million in grant money had been announced by FEMA for round 8. The goal is to fill in gaps identified in the round 7 process. Please email [grants@sfmx.org](mailto:grants@sfmx.org) if you would like more information or would like to comment.

### **TWIC Update –CDR Kara Satra**

The deadline for local compliance had been extended to April 15, 2009. It was estimated that there had been 361,000 enrollments nationwide with 7,000 initial disqualifications, but only 18 finally disqualified. Local enrollment was close to 100 per cent in Oakland and 50 per cent in Richmond. It was believed that Benicia, San Francisco and Sacramento were at about 10 per cent. Eureka was scheduled to begin registration in mid-July and Stockton in mid-August. Lockheed had added extra staff, phone lines, and email addresses.

### **Elevate Shield 2008 – Mr. Martin**

The Coast Guard Commandant had not yet accepted the after-action report due to process changes in Washington. Two local issues that had been identified were confusion over the meaning of ICS specific terminology and the sharing of information through changing MARSEC

levels. Mr. Martin said that the issue of sharing secret information with local stakeholders was beyond the purview of the local AMSC.

## **7. Public Comment**

There was none.

## **8. Old Business**

### **Adopt AMSC Charter Amendments – Mr. Martin**

**Mr. Martin** ran through the proposed amendments that were attached to the minutes of the last meeting. After some discussion, **Ms. Sansome** recommended that the proposed amendment be tabled till the next meeting in order to clean up the language and more specifically determine membership. This was agreed to by consensus.

## **9. New Business**

**CAPT Korwatch** announced the dates of the July HSC meeting and the September State Lands Prevention First Expo in Long Beach.

**Mr. Martin** announced that there would be a closed-door session before the October meeting to discuss certain sensitive issues of interest. **CAPT Korwatch** suggested that the private session follow the public meeting. The consensus was that the private session would follow the public session.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was announced for 1000 October 14, 2008 in the Golden Gate Room, Building A, Fort Mason Center.

## **11. Adjournment**

At 1110, **CAPT Gugg** called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded; it passed without discussion or dissent.