

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE
MEETING (UNCLASSIFIED) MINUTES
FORT MASON CENTER
January 13, 2009

1. Quorum Call

The chair, **CAPT Paul Gugg**, called the meeting to order at 1011.

CAPT Lynn Korwatch confirmed that there was a quorum of the committee.

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

Thanked the community for its active participation and time spent.

The region was at MARSEC Level One. Vigilance is still encouraged. Please report anything suspicious.

LT William Duke, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department, was sworn into service on the committee.

4. Member Agency/Industry Reports

Mr. Curt Campbell, SSA: Their assessment of TWIC possession showed about half for longshoremen, with the majority of the remainder saying they had registered. Their assessment of truckers and other visitors to facilities was between fifty and sixty percent.

Mr. Mark Christiansen, APL: Their TWIC assessment showed staff at ninety percent, truckers at sixty-eight percent, and longshoremen at forty-eight percent, with the majority of the remainder claiming they had registered. They were also working on their vulnerability assessment with the California National Guard.

Mr. Erin Crowell, Port of Redwood City: TWIC was going well. They had completed their security assessment.

CAPT Barry Perkins, Monterey Fire Department: Thanked Coast Guard for their help on the recent bomb squad drill.

Mr. Tom Wilson, Port of Richmond: They were evaluating a recently completed table-top exercise of facility security plans. In April they will have a drill to test evacuation route plans. They were working on plans for escorting non-TWIC holders. They were working on their security assessment.

Mr. George Lerner, Port of Stockton: They are seeing about the same rate of TWIC compliance reported by others. He said that TWIC information was now on the longshoremen's job hotline.

Mr. Mike O'Brien, Port of Oakland: Their security assessment went well. They were concerned that the budget crunch would make it difficult to come up with matching funds for security grants.

Ms. Sidonie Sansom, Port of San Francisco: They were waiting for the report back on their security assessment. She thanked the Neptune Coalition for their help during the recent New Year's Eve festivities.

Mr. Chris Beckwith, State Lands Commission: Announced a customer service meeting and exercise workshop that would be held prior to the next meeting of the AMSC.

Mr. Bruce Clark, California Maritime Academy: Two issues had been identified during the recent VMAP exercise: One was communications with shore-side responders and Coast Guard and vessels. The second was feasibility of evacuation of passengers on the Bay. They estimated that if there were seven hundred passengers – not an unusual number – it would take four hours to get them off.

Mr. Jim Adams, TSA: Their mobile radiation monitors are a great success. They are experiencing great inter-agency cooperation.

Mr. John Leonard, CPB: They were working on a presentation about interim final rule 10+2. They are doing outreach on the rule and those with questions can contact **Mr. Leonard**. They would be meeting with Coast Guard that week to discuss operational enforcement of TWIC rules.

Mr. Kurt Birkhahn, MARAD: During 2008 twenty organization had used their ships for training exercises adding up to one thousand visits. They find that such exercises are also good for the crews on the vessels.

LT Duke, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department: They are working closely with Coast Guard on their air and water operations.

Mr. Ed Hughlett, PMA: The ILWU is pushing TWIC education through their newsletter, dispatchers, and business agents.

Chief Mark Ayers, Chevron: They are getting good TWIC compliance from their union workers. They were experiencing more trouble with workers from out of state. They are in negotiations with their union. In March, they expect to open a new operations center built to withstand a magnitude eight earthquake. It can house up to one hundred people and they can make it available to other agencies.

CAPT Pete Bonebakker, ConocoPhillips: TWIC was going well. The workshop on underwater terror threats was great. Email notification through the Homeport portal is mostly going well but Coast Guard Sectors need to do a better job of identifying themselves in email.

Mr. Lorenzo Looper, MSA: They were planning a TWIC check for their next arrival. They are hearing a lot of complaints from truck and bus operators.

CAPT Richard Allard, Hornblower Cruises: The recent PVA convention had gone well. He thanked ADM Thad Allen, Coast Guard, for his participation.

5. Work Group Reports

AMSP Review Workgroup, Final Report – Mr. Paul Martin

Final comments were required by close of business January 19. The review was on schedule for signing by CAPT Gugg on January 31.

6. General Reports

Intelligence Brief – SA Scott Rutz

There was nothing to report. They appreciate the high level of interest shown in reporting suspicious behavior. They follow up on all tips.

Neptune Coalition Brief – Jerry Bynum

They have formed a marine salvage working group. They are working on collecting essential elements of information on salvage assets for a port recovery plan. They are working on an inventory of local marine fire fighting assets and their location in the area. And they are collecting information on salvage assets to perform a gap analysis.

Ms Sansom asked what they were looking for in representation on the working group. **Bynum** said that there would be a representative from each port to begin with. They are also consulting with the American Salvage Association. **Mr. Wilson** suggested that much of this type of effort had already been made and suggested several resources to contact.

Fiduciary Agent's Report – CAPT Lynn Korwatch

They were in the final stages of plan development. A full briefing would be given in closed session. **CAPT Korwatch** described FEMA's review process which may be complete by the March meeting of the AMSC.

TWIC Update – ENS Laura Gould

She had little to add after previous reports by others. **ENS Gould** invited people to contact her if they were experiencing problems with closed applications or if they were having problems communicating with TSA via email.

August MTSA Seminar – Mr. Paul Martin

This years AMSC sponsored annual port security exercise will be a seminar held in August 2009. The seminar will introduce the rewritten 2009 Area Maritime Security Plan to port stakeholders, concentrating on changes between the old and new editions, and its two supporting plans for port salvage and recovery.

7. Public Comment

Mr. Bob Moors, FSO Tesoro AMORCO said that a test of hand-held TWIC readers in Hawaii had shown a high failure rate. **CAPT Gugg** said that they had heard about this problem and several others. **Mr. Wilson** said that he had heard that part of the issue was wrong information on the card and asked how that would be addressed. **CAPT Gugg** did not know if there was a plan for that.

Ms Catherine Hooper asked how card readers would be deployed for the temporary passenger terminals. She expressed concern over the large numbers of workers that normally attend a passenger vessel that do not regularly work in the maritime area. **CAPT Gugg** said that a mobile portal would be used. **Mr. Looper** said that they were working to incorporate this issue into their plan. **Mr. Martin** said that ship security plans are also required to address this issue. Ms Sansom said that the Port was working closely with Mr. Looper on the issue.

LCDR McDowell, Naval Reserve Maritime Information Team, introduced himself. He found the meeting very educational. He wanted to liaise with facility security officers in the future.

8. Old Business

There was none.

9. New Business

Mr. Martin said that background checks on AMSC members would start soon.

Mr. Martin said that the Waterways Watch program is of increased importance because of lessons learned after the Mumbai terror attack. Seattle has a very active watch program and a local work group will be looking into their efforts. **CAPT Gugg** said that part of the strength of the program was that it included pollution and search and rescue.

CAPT Gugg asked if there would be any objections to Mr. Martin running future meetings of the Committee. This would allow **CAPT Gugg** better participation in the Committee. There were no objections.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting was announced for April 14, 2009, in the Golden Gate Room, Building A, Fort Mason Center.

CAPT Gugg adjourned the open session at 1137.

11. Closed Door Session

12. Adjournment