

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING (UNCLASSIFIED) MINUTES  
Pier 35 San Francisco, California  
July 13, 2010

**1. Quorum Call**

**Mr. Paul Martin**, USCG, called the meeting to order at 1017.

**CAPT Lynn Korwatch** confirmed that a quorum was not present.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

No vote could be held on the minutes due to the lack of a quorum.

**3. Comments by the Chair**

**Mr. Martin** said that **Capt. Paul Gugg's** arrival to the meeting was delayed by his attendance at the change of command ceremony for USACE. Comments from the Chair would be delayed until **Capt. Gugg's** arrival.

**4. Member Agency/Industry Reports**

**Mr. Charles Wilts**, Hornblower Cruises: He had previously been a member, and was looking forward to serving on the committee again.

**Mr. Lorenzo Looper**, Metropolitan Stevedores: They were well into cruise season. Calls were expected to increase in 2011.

**Mr. Jack Murphy**, APL: Their terminal was closed on Monday, July 12, due to the death of a longshoreman by heart attack, on the previous Sunday, July 11.

**SGT Robert Brandt**, Alameda County Sheriff Department: There was nothing to report.

**Mr. Jim Swindler**, Golden Gate Ferry: They had recently finished a round of security training for staff, most conducted by the California Maritime Academy. They were in planning for an autumn security exercise with other ferry companies. They would celebrate their fortieth year of service in August.

**LT Will Duke**, Contra Costa County Sheriff Department: They had recently finished a course of training on dealing with radiological and nuclear threats.

**CAPT Bruce Clark**, California Maritime Academy: They were putting to work a two hundred thousand dollar grant from US DHS to train first responders and facility security officers.

**Mr. Hank Ryan**, MARAD: Ten ships had been removed from the reserve anchorage in Suisun Bay for scrapping. The program would continue for the next three to four years. They have vessels available for training exercises.

**Mr. Chris Beckwith**, State Lands Commission: Their biennial prevention symposium was still scheduled for October 19 and 20 in Long Beach.

**RADM Francis Johnson**, Board of Pilot Commissioners: There was nothing to report.

**Chief John Alexander**, DHS: Cruise operations at the passenger terminal would be turned over to tactical units, similar to the way things used to be conducted. This would provide one-stop-shopping by October. There had been one case of a TWIC imposter, who had borrowed the card from a friend.

**Mr. Edward Gomez**, TSA: Requirement for one hundred per cent screening of air cargo would begin in August. Most of the burden would fall on the carriers. TSA did have additional funds for more inspectors, scanning machines, and dog units. They were ready for a good start. TSA was hiring for their railroad responsibilities. TSA is always ready to assist other agencies with surge activities like Fleet Week.

**Mr. Scott Rutz**, FBI: There was nothing to report. He encouraged everyone to check the Home Port portal on a regular basis and to report any suspicious activity.

**Mr. Curt Campbell**, SSA: They had several incidents of filings for lost wages due to refused access at the end of the thirty-seven day waiting period. The arrest of fraudulent TWIC holders emphasized the importance of biometric confirmation. The cards were typically lent by a friend. Long Beach Police had been uncooperative removing strikers blocking gangways.

**Mr. Mike O'Brien**, Port of Oakland: They were using California 1B grant money for their secure truck enrollment program. They were in a soft-compliance period from June 1, 2010. Full compliance will be required January 1, 2011.

**Ms Sidonie Sansome**, Port of San Francisco: Thanked all for their help with the Ports 4<sup>th</sup> of July events.

**Mr. George Lerner**, Port of Stockton: They were using their 1B grant money to harden entrances to the port.

**Mr. Ed Hughlett**, Ports America: A mutual aid drill with the Oakland Fire and Police Departments had gone well. The drill tested response to a person in the water.

**Mr. Paul Londynsky**, Matson Navigation: They were half way through their annual security audit. Operations in high risk waters were getting a hard look. While the IMO is against armed crew or guards on ships as a provocation, the attitude in the United States tends to be different.

**Ms Margot Brown**, National Boating Federation: If the America's Cup were to come to San Francisco, those present should begin planning for weeks of operations.

Cynthia Chimonyo, Oakland OES: ARRA grant money would help pay for the joint domain awareness center they were creating with the port. They were learning how to layer grants to address needs. She hoped that FEMA grant money would be released soon.

Mr. Donald Snaman, Port of Redwood City: They had enjoyed their participation in Operation Golden Guardian. They were evaluating developing a multi-agency deployment area.

## 5. Work Group Reports

### **Port Recovery/Salvage Subcommittee – Mr. Jerry Bynum**

Read the highlights from a proposal distributed at the meeting. It called for reorganizing the existing sub-committee as the Northern California Port Recovery Sub-Committee. Task Forces would be created for marine firefighting, marine salvage, and marine transportation system recovery. Members were asked to refer to their handouts and provide feedback or comments to **Mr. Bynum**.

### **Equipment Standards Subcommittee – Mr. Paul Martin**

A draft charter had been provided to members. The mission for the sub-committee would be to generate standardized characteristics for big-ticket items and apply lessons-learned from the Port Security Grant Program.

## 6. General Reports

### **Neptune Coalition Brief – LCDR Matt Ruddick**

At their recent meeting they had discussed arrest procedures and transfer of prisoners and how to identify abandoned vessels and what could be done about them.

Their Delta Blitz operation along the Sacramento River involved ten agencies and netted eighty-seven violations and two arrests for alcohol and two for drugs. Future operations were scheduled for Stockton and Discovery Bay.

Other operations the Coalition was concerned with were President Obama's visit, the Mehserle Trial verdict, the visit of Russian navy ship, and July 4<sup>th</sup> events. Planning for Fleet Week had begun.

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

The Fiduciary Agent program would continue into 2011 with nineteen million dollars in grants available. It was not known whether any kind of match would be required to qualify. Mr. Martin said that state grant money could be used for the match requirements for previous years, but not other Federal grant money like UWASI. CAPT Korwatch said that FEMA hoped to speed up the approval process by processing 2010 grants before 2009 grants.

**Mr. Lerner** said that he had heard a rumor that Congress was thinking of reducing the grant money available because the money wasn't being spent. He asked those present to speak to their representatives about FEMA's failure to process and release the grants.

**Mr. Martin** said that a new requirement for a separate review process by the Captain of the Port could affect timelines.

## **Golden Guardian 2010 After-Action Report – Mr. Paul Martin**

The exercise had gone well. Feedback was coming in from participants and there were good lessons learned. **Mr. Martin** thanked the local participants including APL, the Port and city of Oakland, the Port of San Francisco, Port of Redwood City, Contra Costa County, and the California National Guard. One thing the Coast Guard would be looking at as a result of the exercise was how to deploy liaisons to the EOC's of cities, ports, and other entities.

## **2011 Firefighting Regulations Brief – LT Kyle Merkins, SFFD**

New regulations for fire-fighting plans on oil tankers would be required soon. Local fire departments have recognized that they don't have the expertise, so they have joined together to create a task force. Aside from the local fire departments, the vessels are required to have contracts with private fire-fighting companies that can be up to four hours away, and there are also assets available in the region with fire-fighting capabilities like tug boats with their monitors.

The task force would meet once a month, right before the Neptune Coalition meeting to enhance networking with agencies that tend to get called out to the same kinds of events together.

Among the goals of the task force will be to identify training needs on the public side and interoperability with private companies in the ICS. They plan to contribute to the national dialogue on standards for fire fighting in the same way that HAZMAT and SAR have identified national equipment standards. They will work closely with CMA on developing training guidelines.

## **7. Public Comment**

**Ms Catherine Hooper**, maritime consultant, said that there was a concerted effort underway to put the *Fleet* back in Fleet Week. AN ongoing organization with a board of directors to oversee planning an promotion is in place, and MGEN Mike Myatt, USMC, is chair of this years event. The Blue Angels will be back, and other themes will be the centenary celebration of Naval aviation and disaster management and response.

## **8. Old Business**

There was none.

## **9. New Business**

**LT Duke** suggested a work group on standardized equipment and procedures to address radiological concerns. A motion to create the work group was made and seconded. It passed without further discussion or dissent.

## **10. CAPT Gugg's Comments**

Thanked the committee for their indulgence of his attendance at the change-of-command ceremony for the USACE District Commander.

**CAPT Gugg** introduced **CAPT Jay Jewess**, the new deputy Captain of the Port. **CAPT Gugg** said that his **CAPT Cynthia Stowe**, his successor, would arrive in August. Since this was his last meeting with the committee, **CAPT Gugg** thanked everyone for their vigilance and hard work. He asked all to give themselves a round of applause. **CAPT Gugg** said that his own change-of-command ceremony was set for August 11. He been planning to retire, but it then looked like he would be called to duty in the Gulf on the Deepwater Horizon blowout.

**CAPT Gugg** thanked Metropolitan Stevedore for the use of their fine facilities and the Marine Exchange for providing secretariat service. He said that the region remained at MARSEC level 1

#### **11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was announced for 1000, October 19, 2010 at Pier 35 San Francisco.

#### **12. Adjournment**

**Mr. Martin** adjourned the meeting at 1206.