

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE
MEETING (UNCLASSIFIED) MINUTES
Pier 35 San Francisco, California
October 19, 2010

1. **Quorum Call**

Mr. Paul Martin, USCG, called the meeting to order at 1020.

Ms Kaitlin Ortega, Marine Exchange, confirmed that a quorum was not present.

2. **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes for the meetings of July and October were approved without corrections.

3. **Comments by the Chair**

Mr. Martin introduced **CAPT Cynthia L. Stowe**, the new commander of Sector San Francisco. **CAPT. Stowe** reported that the hotwash process had begun for the recent Urban Shield exercise. Fleet Week had come off safe and very well thanks to the coordinated efforts of all involved. She was excited to be attending her first meeting of the AMSC.

CAPT. Stowe introduced **Mr. Charlie Bills**, Hornblower Cruises, and **LT George Wright**, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department as new members to the AMSC, and administered the oath of office to them.

4. **Member Agency/Industry Reports**

Ms Margot Brown, National Boating Federation: There was nothing to report.

Mr. Don Siemens, Port of Redwood City: They were working on plans for a floating dock to house their multi-agency response center.

Mr. Mike O'Brien, Port of Oakland: They had sponsored a meeting to discuss TWIC enforcement with the Coast Guard, local law enforcement agencies, and maritime stakeholders to begin to get all parties on the same page for enforcement of rules created by this new multi-millions dollar system. He said that he was not aware of any enforcement actions against fraudulent use of the cards or use of false cards. He noted that in any event, the only penalty was a \$250.00 fine or loss of the card. **Mr. Scott Rutz**, FBI, said there was one prosecution started in Houston, with six to eight pending.

Mr. Ken Tashian, Port of San Francisco: He thanked the Coast Guard and members of the Neptune Coalition for their help to make Fleet Week a safe and successful event.

Mr. Jim Swindler, Golden Gate Ferries: They were working with the California Maritime Academy to plan an exercise in early 2011.

Ms Renee Domingo, City of Oakland: She was very impressed and excited about the work shop held during **Fleet Week** by **RADM Victor G. Guillory**, USN. The workshop was about

cooperation between the military, civilian agencies, NGO's, and volunteers in response to a natural catastrophe. **RADM Guillory** had led the US military response to the recent earthquake in Haiti. **MGEN Mike Myatt**, USMC (Ret), had scheduled another workshop for February 2011. They were reviewing lessons learned from the Urban Shield Exercise and awaiting PSG funding to move forward with the design of Maritime Domain Awareness Center.

Mr. Scott Rutz, FBI: Thanked Blue & Gold Fleet for lending a boat to and advanced swat team exercise with the SFPD. Thanked **Ms Katherine Hooper**, for her coordination of efforts with the Naval Investigative Service during Fleet Week. They continued to monitor an elevated threat stream, but nothing specific had been identified for Northern California.

Mr. Hank Ryan, MARAD: They have vessels available for training exercises at no charge. The City of Santa Clara had recently used one of their ships for an exercise.

Mr. John Leonard, CBP: Non-compliance with the new 10+2 rules resulted in increased inspections and a subsequent slowing of freight movement. He advised interested parties to get up to speed on filing the reports or deal with the delay caused by inspections. Cruise ship operations were now back under the Tactical Office rather than the Trade Office.

Mr. O'Brien asked if the slow down from 10+2 rules was on the shippers side or the ports side. **Mr. Leonard** said that he didn't see much difference between the two.

Mr. Paul Martin, USCG: Two workshops were scheduled for 2011, especially for members of the AMSC. The first workshop would be held May 11, 2011, at Gresham Hall, Coast Guard Island. It will be an ICS 408 workshop. Participants will need to complete the ICS 100 and 200 sections first, so homework was required. This workshop would fulfill one exercise requirement for 2011.

The workshop scheduled for August 2, 2011, would discuss the role of the AMSC and Port Readiness and Military Outloads.

Ms. Kaitlin Ortega, Marine Exchange: There was nothing to report.

LT George Wright, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department:

Mr. Charlie Bills, Hornblower Cruises: They were working on updates to their security plans for vessels and facilities. He expressed interest in the exercise plan described by **Mr. Swindler**, and offered the use of their boats for exercises similar to the one described by **Mr. Rutz**.

RADM Francis J. Johnston, Board of Pilot Commissioners: Announced openings on the MTS National Advisory Council. There are twenty-positions on the council. It is not a paid position, but travel and *per diem* are provided to the meetings in Washington DC. Appointments would be announced by November 17.

CMDR John Ostrander, California Maritime Academy: They had grant funds pending for facility and vessel security officers, as well as first responder training. They were working on a new course to on designing exercises and drills.

Mr. Mark Christensen, APL: Technical problems had delayed the start of the TWIC Reader Pilot Program at the APL terminal at the Port of Los Angeles.

Mr. Lorenzo Looper, Metropolitan Stevedores: The cruise season was winding down, with only one arrival expected for December. During the past season they had handled four cruise ships in one day, and everything had gone smoothly. For 2011, twenty-five ships were scheduled for Pier 35, and twenty-four were scheduled for Pier 27.

Chief Mark Ayers, ChevronTexaco: They had held their annual security drill the previous week. The exercised had focused on public information and liason, and unified command with county agencies. **CAPT Paul Gugg**, USCG (Ret.), had been hired as a senior advisor on security issues surrounding piracy.

5. Work Group Reports (None)

6. General Reports

a. Fiduciary Agent's Report – CDR John Ostrander

They were doing what they could to seek release of funds from the 2007-2010 grant cycle, but there was little hard information pass along. Applications for the 2011 grant cycle were due January 15, 2011, but they had received no formal guidelines yet. Match guidelines from the 2009 cycle, and priority guidelines from the 2010 cycle were suggested.

Chief Ayers asked what would become of 2007 grants as the five year deadline to use funds from that grant cycle approached. **CDR Ostrander** said they had asked for a two year extension. **CAPT Stowe** asked if there had been any explanations for the delays from FEMA. **CDR Ostrander** said there had not been any. **CAPT. Stowe** asked if there had been any problems with the application paperwork. **CDR. Ostrander** said there had been no suggestion of any deficiencies.

Mr. Christensen asked how the grants were progressing nationwide. **CDR Ostrander** said that ports on the East Coast seemed to be experiencing more success. Chief Ayers noted that contractors were getting nervous about the backup. Ms Domingo noted that the design of their MDA center was dependent on port security grants where the matching requirement was met by California 1b grants that would expire in 2012.

CAPT. Stowe said that she would seek an explanation.

7. Public Comment

Ms Catherine Hooper, reported that the Fleet was back in Fleet Week, thanks to the efforts of **MGEN Myatt**, **Sen. Diane Feinstein**, and **SOS George Schultz**. A revitalized volunteer board of directors had retired a two hundred thousand dollar debt, and was now a solvent 501 c 3. organization. The Senior Leader's Seminar on humanitarian response, held on the *Makin Island*, was a great experience. The support and generosity expressed by citizens to sailors on shore leave had created a very favorable impression. Plans are already underway for an even bigger

and better Fleet Week for 2011, to coincide with the 100th anniversary of Naval Aviation. Hooper thanked the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Neptune Coalition for their collaboration and effort.

Mr. Vince LeMaistre, PMA suggested a get together with other West Coast AMSC to see how other facilities are handling fake TWIC's and other unauthorized use. He encourage more meetings with law enforcement like the one sponsored by the Port of Oakland.

8. Old Business

a. PSGP Equipment Standards Subcommittee Charter – signed.

Mr. Martin said that **CAPT Bruce Clark**, CMA, would chair the subcommittee.

b. PRND Subcommittee Charter – signed

Mr. Martin said that **LT Wright** would chair the PRND subcommittee.

9. New Business

a. New FA Memo of Agreement – signed.

Mr. Martin said that **CAPT Stowe**, and **CAPT Lynn Korwatch**, Marine Exchange, had signed the new three year agreement.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting was announced for 1000, January 11, 2011 at Pier 35 San Francisco.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Martin adjourned the meeting at 1114.