

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE
MEETING (UNCLASSIFIED) MINUTES
Pier 35 San Francisco, California
January 11, 2011

1. Quorum Call

Mr. Paul Martin, USCG, called the meeting to order at 1014.

CAPT Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange, confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting was made and seconded. It passed without discussion or dissent.

3. Comments by the Chair

CAPT Cynthia L. Stowe, greeted those in attendance on the committee and in the public and thanked them for their participation. She thanked Metropolitan Stevedore for providing the venue and the Marine Exchange for organizing the event. **CAPT Stowe** deferred further comment till Member Agency/Industry Reports.

4. Member Agency/Industry Reports

MR Ed Hughlett, Ports America: They were awaiting further details on the impact of the America's Cup events.

Chief Mark Ayers, ChevronTexaco: They were awaiting further details on the impact of the America's Cup events.

CAPT Pete Bonebakker, ConocoPhillips: They were finishing updates to their vessel response plans to bring them into compliance with new firefighting and salvage regulations. They were also awaiting further details on the impact of the America's Cup events.

Mr. Mark Christensen, APL: Nothing to report.

LT George Wright, Contra Costa County Sherriff's Department: Nothing to Report.

Mr. Dave Sullivan, City of San Francisco OES: Nothing to Report.

Deputy Robert Brandt, Alameda County Maritime Patrol: Nothing to Report.

CAPT Bruce Clark, California Maritime Academy: They had received grant funding to provide free first response security training to CSO's and FSO's. They were working to develop the curriculum for a piracy prevention course by the summer of 2011.

Mr. Patrick Konicker, California EMA: **MR Mike Dayton** was the acting Secretary until a new Secretary was appointed.

Mr. Chris Beckwith, California State Lands Commission: They had scheduled a customer service meeting for mid-March.

Mr. Hank Ryan, MARAD: They have vessels available for training exercises at no charge.

RADM Francis J. Johnston, Board of Pilot Commissioners: There was nothing to report.

Mr. Curt Campbell, SSA: Was not in attendance. He had submitted a written report on the progress of TWIC tests at Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbors. That report is attached to these minutes.

Mr. John Leonard, CBP: They were now into the enforcement phase of 10+2 regulations. Those not in compliance would face delays. **Mr. Fred Ho** was the new chief of their East Bay office. The Marine Desk was doing crew clearances for vessels. Those needing an appointment after 1800 were requested to call ahead during regular hours. The bid process had begun for new container examinations stations at the Port of Oakland.

Mr. Mark Wollman, ICE: There was nothing to report.

Mr. Edward Gomez, TSA: The new terminal opening at SFO would feature state of the art detection equipment. They were beginning to focus on training for lone shooter scenarios, and who should do what – whether the responder was a janitor, a police officer, or the CEO. TSA stands ready to assist local law enforcement agencies with their assets like VIPER or their bomb-sniffing dogs.

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

Ms Renee Domingo, City of Oakland: They had hired a part-time project manager for the joint maritime domain awareness center that they are developing with the Port of Oakland.

Mr. George Lerner, Port of Stockton: He expressed his appreciation of the TWIC report sent in by **Mr. Campbell**. He looked forward to another update at the next meeting. They had finished upgrades to their internal security communications system, including computers and digital radio in all patrol cars.

CAPT. Stowe asked **Mr. Gomez** whether it would be possible to have a briefing from TSA at the April meeting. **Mr. Gomez** said that he would arrange that.

CAPT Barry Perkins, Monterrey Fire Department: There was nothing to report.

Mr. Mike O'Brien, Port of Oakland: They had begun planning for their 2011 BAYEX exercise. Those interested in participating were invited to get in touch. Terminal operators in the TWIC working group would hold their first planning session later in January. They were moving ahead with their intrusion detection system while waiting to hear about Port Security Grant funding.

Ms Sidonie Sansome, Port of San Francisco: They would have a briefing from the Mayor's Office on the America's Cup races for the April meeting of the AMSC. The venue agreement could be found on the Port's website: www.sfport.com.

Mr. Eric Napralla, Port of Redwood City: They had awarded the contract for their port security center. They were intending to go with a hard-wired TWIC reader system.

Mr. Lorenzo Looper, Metropolitan Stevedores: There was nothing to report.

CAPT Stowe, Commander Sector San Francisco: She introduced **CAPT Jay Jewess**, Deputy Sector Commander, and **LCDR Desarae Janzen**, Chief of Waterways and newly designated liaison for America's Cup planning. Facility operators were encouraged to secure any amount of construction, or other, copper on their sites. There were one to two facility break-ins per month, most having to do with theft of copper. The recent shooting and mail bomb incidents demonstrated the need for everyone to keep their guard up. The new inter-agency operations center on Yerba Buena Center was scheduled to be operational by May. There is space in the building for partners, and those interested in putting a communications desk were encouraged to come take a look at the building. It was possible that the center could be used for the management of the America's Cup Races. **CAPT Stowe** looked forward to working with the City and the Event Authority.

5. Work Group Reports

a. PRND Subcommittee Report – Officer Mark Laherty

They were ramping up and would have more to report at the April meeting.

b. Port Recovery/Salvage Subcommittee – Ms Kara Satra

Vessel response plans for salvage and firefighting were due February 22, 2011. The marine salvage subcommittee had scheduled a meeting for January 19 to discuss validation of the plans and resource companies and contractors. The port recovery subcommittee was reviewing plans among government and industry partners with an eye to improving consistency. Their next meeting was scheduled for April 14, 2011.

c. PSGP Equipment Standards Subcommittee – CAPT Bruce Clark

Their subcommittee was just gearing up. Their primary purpose was to create a base-line standard for evaluating Port Security Grant requests that involved the purchase of equipment. Their first meeting was scheduled for the afternoon of January 11, after the AMSC meeting.

d. Neptune Coalition Brief – LCDR Matt Rudick

They had most recently met in December to tour the new inter-operations center. The Sacramento County Sheriff's department had signed an MOA to enforce Coast Guard security zones in their region.

6. General Reports

a. Elevate Shield 2011/IS-408 Training – Mr. Paul Martin

AMSC members got first shot at the open training slots and the training would be free for them.

7. Public Comment

There was none.

8. Old Business

There was none.

9. New Business

a. FA Report and PSGP General Discussion – CAPT Lynn Korwatch

CAPT Korwatch said that grant proposals were evaluated by FEMA in three steps. One was to determine whether it matched their security criteria, two was a budget review to determine if the grant request was adequate to the scope of the project, and three was an environmental/historical impact review. Some of the reviews were happening simultaneously.

Money was then beginning to roll out for 2007 requests. 2008 requests were working through phase one. 2009 and 2010 requests were through phase one and awaiting phase two. To date, there had been very few problems with phase three reviews. **CAPT Korwatch** thanked **CAPT Stowe** and **Mr. Rob Strahan**, Marine Exchange for their efforts to speed up the process.

Extensions had been granted for 2007 grant projects, and extensions were expected for 2008 projects as well.

There were no residual funds for the 2007 cycle, it was fully encumbered. For 2008, three hundred fifteen thousand dollars was available. Three point eight million dollars was available for 2009, but that money required a twenty-five per cent soft match. There was no money left for 2010.

A very fast process was expected for the 2011 grant process with a sixty day window to submit applications and IJ's, consequently Exchange staff would not have as much time as in previous years to offer help to applicants. Another new feature of this grant round would be separate reviews by the AMSC and the USCG so applicants were encourage to submit their IJ's as early as possible.

It was asked if there would be a waiver on the match requirement for 2011 grants. **CAPT. Korwatch** said that there was no waiver at the present time but that could change if Congress acted.

Mr. Lerner asked about the possibility of grants to improve security on American ships. **CAPT Korwatch** said that FEMA was interested in that but was still working out how to route the money through their process based on port regions.

CAPT Clark, speaking in his role as a contractor to the Fiduciary Agent, said that he expected that "in kind matches" would be allowed for the 2011 round. He said that the necessary forms were up on the Exchange website at www.sfmex.org.

Chief Ayers said that even with the extension there would be projects unable to meet their performance period requirements and said that things could get difficult over the next three to four months. He thanked **CAPT Korwatch** for her efforts.

Mr. Martin said that the Coast Guard had participated in previous reviews through the AMSC structure. He said that Coast Guard Head Quarters had added a requirement for a Capt Of the Port standard review.

CAPT Stowe thanked **CAPT Korwatch** for her efforts. She said that the roll out of funds was a high priority for the Coast Guard and she was glad to see the Bay Area was on the map.

MSRAM Update and Reminder – Mr. Greg Lingle.

Mr. Lingle reminded those present of the importance of the MISRAM. They had achieved a seventy per cent survey response rate in previous years and were shooting for one hundred per cent for this year. In addition, they were trying to identify new targets near the water for the survey, such as waterfront restaurants..

CAPT Clark asked if the MSRAM product would still be classified. **Mr. Lingle** said that the information was considered sensitive, and that the Coast Guard was also the custodian of proprietary business information as a result of the survey.

CAPT Clark asked about the FASIBA process. **Mr. Lingle** said that they were following the process but there was no connection between MSRAM and FASIBA at that time. He said that he hoped DHS was making the connection. **Mr. Konicker** asked if NICRIC could be the connection. **Mr. Martin** said that discussion would have to be held at District 11.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting was announced for 1000, April 13, 2011 at Pier 35 San Francisco.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Martin adjourned the meeting at 1124.