

Northern California Area Maritime Security Committee

Meeting (unclassified) minutes

Pier 35 San Francisco, California

April 17, 2012

1. Quorum Call

Mr. Paul Martin, USCG, called the meeting to order at 1015

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

2. Approval of the Minutes – CAPT Korwatch

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2012. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made and seconded. It passed without discussion or dissent.

3. Comments by the Chair – CAPT Cynthia L. Stowe

The incident at the Farallon Islands was a tragic loss. There are around 1300 marine events for which the Coast Guard issues permits.

Security standpoint – opportunity to test tactics was approved. A practice in coordination with San Francisco Police Department to remove protestors in the water was a good opportunity to test the tactics.

New Members were sworn in by CAPT Cynthia L. Stowe. They are:

- a. New Member – Mr. Mike Dayton, CalEMA
- b. New Member – Captain Denise Flaherty, SFPD
- c. New Member – Mr. Bruce Clark, CMA
- d. New Member – Mr. David Trombino, LLNL
- e. New Member – Mr. Richard Sackett, TSA
- f. New Member – SGT Scott Mayberry, Sacramento SD
- g. New Member – S/A Andrew Myers, FBI

4. Member Agency/Industry Reports

Ms. Margot Brown, National Boating Federation: Expressed condolences to the families of the sailors who died over the weekend at the incident near the Farallon Islands. She thanked CMA for the graphic presentation of the sea state at the time of the accident in the immediate area of the Farallon Islands. On April 29, aka Black Sunday, the Blessing of the Fleet will take place from 9am to 3pm in the Central Bay.

Ms. Catharine Hooper, SF Fleet Week Committee advises of ship arrivals October 3, Parade of Ships on October 6, and departure of ships October 9. The committee will be in direct contact with the Admiral of U.S. Fleet during this time. They look forward to the new Coast Guard Cutter.

She also advised that she wanted to dispel rumors that the Americas Cup and Fleet Week Committee have an agreement. As of yet, they do not have an agreement.

Ms. Sidonie Sansom, Port of San Francisco, echoed condolences to the families of the Farallon incident. She also advised that last Thursday two US Coast Guard workers Petty Officer 1st Class James Hopkins and Richard Belisle, a retired Coast Guard chief petty officer, were murdered in Kodiak, Alaska. They have no further details at this time.

Port of San Francisco is working to complete their grant projects. The Americas Cup Race dates are August 21-26 firm. They are waiting to hear about the October 4-7 dates. The course has shifted towards the East.

Mr. Mike O'Brien, Port of Oakland: April 11 exercises with URS and Ancho technology were conducted. The goal is to minimize port security disruptions. They had great discussions and felt that this exercise was good for readiness for the entire Bay Area. Mr. Mike Dayton is now also on the committee. Captain Stowe requested an after action report of the exercise. Mr. O'Brien advised they will share this at the next meeting.

Mr. Andrew Meyers, FBI: no comment

Mr. Richard Sackett, TSA: He came from Ft. Lauderdale. He is glad to be here.

S/A Ray Greenley, DHS: attended meeting on behalf of Clark Settles.

Mr. Henry Ryan, DOT-MARAD: spoke of the Maritime Administration exercise Coyote Shield. He advised the nature of the exercise is disaster response.

Reginald Manning, DHS-CBP: Advised that the new Acting Director is Brian Humphrey and he will be here until June 2nd. He advised that there is a heightened awareness of narcotics in the cruise ship environment. They have been working together with other agencies and it has been successful.

Paul Martin, DHS-USCG: He was contacted by Mr. Curt Campbell of SSA Marine. Mr. Campbell has officially left the committee and he feels sorry for having to bow out.

Mr. Mike Dayton, CalEMA: They have a new secretary Mark Ghilarducci. They look forward to working with him.

Mr. Dave Trombino, LLNL: spoke on their preventative program.

CAPT Bruce Clark, CMA: expressed best wishes from Admiral Eisenhardt. He is in the Chancellor's Office dealing with economic issues. He advised that a customized water survival course was funded with a transit security grant. It was an 8 hour intensive block and several agencies participated. They have been working closely with the Golden Gate Ferry on how to get into IBA's if floating in water. They have been working on design and implementation of Bay Ferry 3 exercise. Date of exercise is still floating. It will occur after Fleet Week and the proposed Americas Cup.

SGT Scott Mayberry, Sacramento Co. SD: they have been involved with the Neptune Coalition. Through PSGP tactical boat operator certification they will be hosting four courses. Two are to be held in fall and two in spring. Two are to be held in the Bay and two in the Delta.

Lt. Doug Powell, Contra Costa SD. They are participating in Coyote Shield. They are a member of the CA Sheriff Boating Safety Commission. There will be a meeting in Tahoe next month.

RADM Francis Johnston, CA Board of Pilot Commissioners: nothing to report

Mr. Chris Beckwith, CA State Lands Commission: nothing to report

Mr. Lorenzo Looper, Metropolitan Stevedore Co: they are well underway with the cruise season. March 19th two megaships were in port. There was tighter check on security and the Embarcadero Street was closed down due to the maritime operation. One ship sailed three hours late. May 1, 2012, three megaships are expected in port. There are no planned closures. May 13 three megaships scheduled to be in port, Embarcadero St will be closed.

Mr. Mark Christensen, APL: nothing to report

Mr. Ed Hughlett, Ports America: Their security plan was rewritten and an audit was conducted.

Mr. Mark Ayers, Chevron: copper thefts are becoming more of a problem. Something to be aware of, Occupy Oakland will visit Richmond and go to the Civic Center to protest Chevron. They are finalizing an MOA with Cal Maritime on an ER facility.

Chris Gallup, Hornblower Cruises: he is sitting in for Charlie Bills. They have positive feedback on CMA classes.

5. Work Group Reports:

- a. Officer Mark Lafferty, PRND Subcommittee Report: PRNC subcommittee exercises scheduled.
- b. Mr. Jerry Bynum, Port Recovery/Salvage Subcommittee: The NCPR Sub-Committee was chartered on August 17, 2010 to obtain up-to-date information for marine firefighting, marine salvage, and maritime infrastructure to facilitate emergency response and port recovery readiness within the San Francisco Bay and River Delta Region. A handout was distributed to the committee.
- c. Bruce Clark, PSGP Equipment Standards Subcommittee: the equipment subcommittee is specifically tailored to identify equipment assets that are considered fundable. The last meeting focused on communications. UASI – there is a robust working group focused specifically on communication issues. They try to integrate communication ability between land and water. Bayrick – Bay Area Regional Integrative Communication Project. They will link data and voice communication in a shared network. A member of CMA will participate and bring it back to the committee to streamline ability to talk to each other. CBRNE workgroup, possible integration of committees.
- d. Lt. Dion Scott, Neptune Coalition: membership includes 40 agencies. They meet second Wednesday every month. Last meeting was in March. The Aurora drug bust was successful. Upcoming is the 27May12 Golden Gate Bridge Celebration. There was a PRIW (protestor in the water) training held April 5th. Assets for the training were 45 rbm, 25 rbs, and SFPD boat. There was a test run recently in TTP (training, tactic, and procedure. Overall it was a success. May 9th is the next Neptune meeting.
- e. Mr. Mike O'Brien, Port Evacuation Workgroup: Seacore evacuation meeting was held February 10, 2012. There was a high level review of the manual, tsunami discussion, communication between IOC and EOC; evaluation of disconnect MARSEC Level 3, and prioritizing types of ships to get underway. Two more meetings to complete project. They are looking for a tug and bar pilot to assist.

6. General Reports

- a. MSRAM update-Mr. Greg Lingle, USCG (not present): A handout was distributed to the committee.
The mid-term submission of COTP SF MSRAM database was completed on 24Feb12. USCG Districts/Headquarters conducted a joint review of USCG Sector SF's MSRAM database on 26-30Mar 12. Final submission of database will occur on 8Jun12.
- b. Lynn Korwatch, FA report: 2007 supp will be closed 6/30/12. Twenty projects underway. We request that you please contact us so we can schedule you on the calendar. Notify us with budget variance.

c. Mr. Rob Andrews, Port Mitigation Plan Update: PowerPoint presentation - can be viewed at www.sfm.org . He advised they have inventoried PSGP funded projects, developed methodology to measure completeness of initiatives; and summarize PSGP and UASI criteria. Next steps are focused stakeholder meetings; planned in two hour sessions; to validate current state of risk; incorporate other assessments (FSIVA) ID Non-PSGP funded projects, determine status of PSGP projects; update risk assessment; finalize PSGP project summary; update plan gap analysis and initiative, and map projects to UASI and DHS funding opportunities. They anticipate returning in May for a second meeting. They would like to teach out to Law Enforcement Marine Units.

d. Mr. Paul Martin, 2012 PSGP: grant guidance posted February 17, 2012. Grant proposal is due Friday April 27, 2012. Submit application to www.grants.gov. Submit entire package via Non-Disaster Grant System by Friday, May 4, 2012. Because of limited FEMA funding, the Fiduciary Agent role was removed for the 2012 grant year. The San Francisco Bay Area is considered high risk. \$58.5 million was allocated to our region. That is half from the previous year. The performance period is two years, 24 months. Applications are limited to three projects per agency. Cost match for public entities is 25%. Cost match for private agencies is 50%. Operation expenses are an allowable cost. There are seven port areas in Group 1. We are in Group 1. The award announcement will be September 30, 2012. The Captain of the Port reviews all submitted projects for our region. Within the next couple of weeks, we should receive information. The AMSC group will be used to advise and make recommendations.

e. Mr. Robert Buchart, CalEMA: A handout was distributed to the committee. The Marine Salvage Task Force established relationships within the marine salvage community. The Marine Firefighting Task Force – two dozen fire departments got involved with the work group. It was recognized that we lack capabilities to marine firefight. Privateers step forward. CalEMA Fire Branch will pick up where the committee has left off. They hope they will join the Harbor Safety Committee. He would like to thank everyone for their participation.

f. Mr. Lee Brown, Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST): They have 265 domestic offices, 26 specialty offices, 70 international offices and 47 around the world. In 2005 they created operation Black Jack. This is the BEST 2006 DHS task force (Coast Guard, Border Patrol). The focus was to leverage all resources state and local. Co-location is key. Northern California BEST is in Oakland. They may be moving to Yerba Buena with the Coast Guard. Each BEST is unique based on vulnerability assessments. Title 19- Border Search Authority Asset Forfeiture-sharing of state and local partners. BEST is putting BEST resources together. An agent was killed in Mexico City. A Bill was created in his name providing funding for the program. PowerPoint presentation was presented which can be viewed at www.sfm.org. For further information you can email him at lee.brown@dhs.gov for further information.

7. Public Comment:

Mr. Lorenzo Looper, Metropolitan Stevedore Co.: A reminder to all agencies to please be sensitive to cruise ships. In many cases, for the people on board, this is their first contact with the U.S. There are honest people on these ships. When ships are delayed he has to answer to the complaints. The Union is inflexible.

Catharine Hooper, SF Fleet Week Committee: She was Port Agent for the Aurora. Many lessons were learned and CBP did a good job.

Reginald Manning, CBP: related to the Aurora incident, one narcotics suspect was not caught.

Mr. Sullivan, Nor Cal Regional Intel Center: there is potential confusion on who to report incidents to.

CAPT Cynthia Stowe: BEST is the first piece that breaks down security issues. There is a tremendous level of cooperation and coordination.

Bill Nickson, Transmarine Navigation: Global Diving and Salvage is trying to put together a hazmat training group. Contact him for the email providing further information.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

Catharine Hooper, SF Fleet Week Committee. Golden Gate Bridge anniversary is at 1pm. Her role is to enable civilians to help. The vessel will go to Anchorage 9

CAPT Bruce Clark, California Maritime Academy: Advises there is an upcoming PSGP/UASI Collaborative Strategy Workshop Wednesday June 6, 2012, at Pier 35 Cruise Terminal, SF. The focus of the conference will be to enhance regional capability through regional collaboration, targeted funding to build core capabilities to prevent, respond, and recover from disaster, responsible leverage and management of grant funds across all grant programs, and research, lessons learned, and sharing of what works. Objective of workshop is to insure line of communication for purpose of being good stewards of the public trust.

10. Next Meeting:

Paul Martin, USCG: next AMSC meeting to be held July 10, 2012, 10.a.m. at Pier 35.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: 1218 pm.