Northern California Area Maritime Security Committee

Meeting (unclassified) minutes

Pier 35 San Francisco, California

January 8, 2013

1. Quorum Call
   Mr. Paul Martin, USCG, called the meeting to order at 10:18
   Capt. Korwatch, Marine Exchange, advised a quorum was present.

2. Approval of the minutes – Capt. Korwatch
   A motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2012, meeting as corrected was made and seconded. It passed without dissent.

3. Comments by the Chair – Capt. Cynthia L. Stowe
   Coast Guard will be going through transition this summer. Capt. Stowe will return to Headquarters. Capt. Stump will be her replacement. He is currently the Deputy Sector Commander in Seattle. Capt. Day will replace Capt. Jewess who is retiring. The FBI and Coast Guard have been conducting some training together. Training on vessel boarding with the Federal Marshals and the CHP is underway.

4. Member Agency/Industry Reports – AMSC Membership

   Margot Brown, National Boating Federation: nothing to report

   Deputy David Guthrie, Sacramento County Sheriff: Class two of the NABLA tactical course was completed in October with 19 officers successfully completing it. In the spring two more classes will be held. The last class will be on the San Francisco side and they will put out an announcement. Blue Force Tracking project is complete. Through the PSGP, radiological detection equipment was received and training for this equipment is being planned.

   Lt. Doug Powell, Office of the Sheriff of Contra Costa County: Due to governor’s tax initiative which passed, they will remain funded. Through the PSGP they took possession of an underwater sonar camera system. They’ve used it in other counties and consider it a regional asset. Locally, they’ve located eight vehicles in the water. DHS is putting out a new application for the gases for the RADNUC detection backpacks. They are waiting for it to get finalized. They’ve had two death investigations on tankers. They’d like to develop SOP’s locally on death investigations on commercial foreign flag vessels in regards to timeframe and jurisdiction. They
have also been working with State Lands and have located several commercial tugs that have been sunk.

Lt. Mario Delgadillo, San Francisco Police Dept.: Two weeks into new assignment. Sgt. Dan Greenly, Marine Unit: currently preparing for waterborne prevention training. They expect to host two or three classes in summer. They are expanding dive training to include deep water hard hat capabilities as well as level one. They just took delivery of hazardous environmental suits. Two of nine vessels are up to speed with Blue Force AIS.

Mike O’Brien, Port of Oakland: Joint City Port Domain Awareness Center Project is kicking off. SAIC is the prime security integrator for that project. Working with many agencies to make sure they have their protocol correctly integrated. Lots of systems integration and enhancement upgrades occurring. Multimodal information sharing team was hosted last month. OPD just received another video ray through a grant funded project.

Sidonie Sansom, Port of San Francisco: They are prepping for America’s Cup. There is construction at Brannon Street Wharf, Pier 30-32. Pier 15 will be the Exploratorium later this spring. Pier 27 Cruise Terminal will be handed over in March and will be returned for the 2014 season.

George Lerner, Port of Stockton: they are opening bids on their down river surveillance systems. They are working on an exercise with local jurisdictions on their tenant notification systems.

Andrew Meyers, FBI SF: Would like to thank the Coast Guard for all their help in helping them stand up their maritime capabilities. Their vessel should be online within the next few weeks. They are working with Mr. Trombino on standing up their radiation detection abilities.

Hank Ryan, Maritime Administration: Reminder that they have ships in readiness status at piers in SF and Alameda. They are available on request for shipboard training. Response on the East Coast to Hurricane Sandy incorporated two training ships from Massachusetts and New York and another Ready Reserve ship which were mainly used for housing and meals for emergency responders in the private sector, non-profit organizations, Red-Cross, FEMA workers and others.

Jim Adams, Security Director at San Francisco Airport: Mr. Sackett accepted an assignment at Headquarters in Washington D.C. Mr. Adams has been at the airport as the Deputy Director for ten years.

Lee Brown, DHS: They are starting to pursue more joint training operations with State and Federal partners. They are trying to procure a boat for enforcement operations for awareness within the port.
Reginald Manning, Port Director, CBP: They are getting two new assistant port directors for trade operations and tactical operations. The Chief Operation’s Officer is Mr. Vigna.

Capt. Korwatch, SFMX: Operation’s manager Kaitlin Ortega has moved out of the area and is no longer with the Marine Exchange. Capt. Korwatch introduced Marcus Freeling and James Hill as the promoted operation’s managers at the Marine Exchange.

Mark Laherty, Naval Post Graduate School: New member to the Committee.

Frank Johnston, Board of Pilot Commissioners: Coast Guard and Board of Pilot Commissioners will be conducting a full investigation of Bay Bridge incident. The NTSB announced that they will also conduct an investigation. The Pilot Commission’s new Port Agent is Capt. Peter McIsaac. The commission is losing five of their seven commissioners. Frank Johnston will remain for another four years but six people will be renewed and/or replaced.

Dave Trombino, Lawrence Livermore Lab: More training will be planned. They are adding a couple more agencies with boat mounted radiation sensors.

Patrick Koeneker representing Mike Dayton, Cal EMA: nothing to report

Chris Beckwith, CA State Lands Commission: Executive Officer Division Chief and Assistant Division Chief retired in December. New Executive Officer is Jennifer Venchessi. Gary Gregory who was previously the division chief has come out of retirement.

Capt. Bruce Clark, Cal Maritime Academy: CMA nominated to California Maritime Security Counsel and they will be serving as a standing member on that committee. The president is the designated member. Next meeting is Jan 15, 2013 in Los Angeles at the Maritime Enforcement Training Center. Mid June there will be a Bay Ferry three exercise with Golden Gate Ferry and a number of local agencies. Cal Maritime’s new ship symposium will be held Feb 20 - 21 in Sacramento.

Ed Hughlett, Ports America: As a requirement of annual exercise they conducted an emergency exercise for port evacuation at their facility in Oakland on Dec 21, 2012. Specific findings from the exercise were that the alarm system in the shop area was not functioning properly. They also found that the alarm coverage needed to be improved. A new alarm system and two additional sirens will be installed.

Capt. Londynsky, Matson Navigation: TWIC will be expiring in the near future. The renewal extends the card for three years. TWIC office has moved to what used to be the Oakland Army Base Headquarters. Matson completed their CT Pact revalidation (Customs Trade Partnership
against Terrorism). They have acquired the assets of the former Reef Shipping out of Auckland, New Zealand. They are expanding into the South Pacific area.

Mark Christensen, APL:  Effective July 1, 2013, terminal in Oakland will be closing. SSA will handle vessels.

Capt. Bonebakker, Phillips 66 Company: Advised one of the deaths was an apparent suicide at the terminal. They’d like to be available to work together with other agencies on lessons learned on the terminal side.

Jim Swindler, Golden Gate Ferry: Introduction of Capt. McDermott, the Director of Operations.

Mark Ayers, Chevron: They continue to work on their #4 crude unit involved in the fire incident in August. Hopefully it will be up and running first quarter of this year. They are working diligently with Cal Maritime and other groups on the Maritime Safety and Security Training Center.

Catharine Hooper, SF Fleet Week Association: A planning meeting for fleet week is scheduled. In January, February and March an around-the-world passenger cruise vessel will arrive in S.F.

John Cinderey, San Francisco Bar Pilots: Bay Bridge incident is under investigation.

New Member – Mr. Mark Laherty, sworn in by Capt. Stowe.

5. Work Group Reports:

a. Neptune Coalition Brief – LT Cmdr. Scott: The Neptune Coalition is a group of state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies including EMS agencies designed to maximize security in the bay and delta region. Partnerships with many different agencies make larger events much more manageable. For America’s Cup and Fleet Week over 40 agencies partnered. At the last Neptune meeting they discussed the Maritime Security and Response Operations Manual and how they operate with their OGA’ and the requirement to participate in training exercises. Some of the cross-training they have recently participated in were Aug. 30 with Richmond P.D. Swat, Dec. 5 with their sector boarding team and FBI, Jan 7 – 25 they will have active shooter classes held by CHP, and Jan 17 they will conduct training with BEST and CHP on additional shipboard familiarization. Local in-house trainings that the Coast Guard is participating in with Station San Francisco, Golden Gate, Rio Vista and Vallejo are also being conducted on warning capabilities for non-compliant vessels. The next meeting for the Neptune Coalition is next Wednesday.
a. FA report – Capt. Korwatch – PSGP program: We have asked for every possible extension for every Grant year we monitor. We have requested that the grants be extended to the full five year. We have not heard any information about the 2013 Grants.

b. MIST – Multimodal Information Sharing Team, Naval Postgraduate School, Anita Salem: They look at information sharing practices between the private and public sectors with an emphasis on commerce. A workshop will be held on Feb 27 and Feb 28th. Bruce Clark asked how this program integrates at local, state and federal level in terms of cross pollination between intelligence communities and the huge challenge in terms of sanitizing information so that it can be appropriately shared and translate it into a forum that could be digested and effectively utilized. Anita Salem advised that in national policy they are seeing a stronger shift in changing practices and policies around information sharing. Capt. Stowe thanked them for undertaking the effort of taking a close look at how information sharing is working and looks forward to receiving the results. Catharine Hooper asked how this is funded. Anita Salem advised that it is funded by the Office of Director of National Intelligence. Question was asked if the proceeds of other workshops are available to the community. Anita Salem said the information is available on their website. They are also going to release a summary report soon. Capt. Korwatch asked if the reports were public information. Anita Salem said yes.

c. International Port Security Briefing, Lt. Cmdr. Chad Moore: gave a power point presentation on port security in foreign countries. Their mission comes from two acts the Maritime Transportation Safety Act of 2002 and Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006. When working with other nations they use the International Ship and Port Security Code which is a performance based standard. The Coast Guard has 65 to 70 personnel stationed throughout the world. The Coast Guard uses liaison officers that will maintain the long distance relationships and assessment teams for countries that are at higher risk. The Coast Guard goes as a guest via the embassy and meets with the port security person in that country. If they discover issues they address them and help them to correct the problem. If they are unsuccessful, they will issue a port security advisory. The Coast Guard may visit every couple of years. Other countries also come here for reciprocal visits. The key security areas are access, monitoring the port facility, cargo security and drills and exercises.

Question was asked if there was any interaction between Coast Guard program and the CT Path which also is focused on putting out Best Practices for supply chain security. Moore advised there is some limited interaction. CBP staff is often there. Catharine Hooper asked if what CBP does overlaps. Moore advised that Coast Guard is more facility focused and CBP is more cargo focused.
7. Public Comment: none

8. Old Business: Capt. Stowe signed the UASI subcommittee charter. Capt. Clark with Cal Maritime is the chairperson.

9. New Business: Paul Martin advised there is an AMSC of the year award. In the Navigation Inspections Circular for the upcoming guidance for this year’s annual report, they’ve created a guidance for the AMSC of the year award which will be presented at the next conference. Committee members are requested to review and provide a write up or a few bullets of the good work this committee does by Feb. 13. A workgroup to aid Paul Martin and Mr. Bynam in the review of the Area Maritime Security Plan and the port recovery and port salvage plans will be established. In 2014, a review of the plans for acceptance of the Pac area needs to be submitted. The committee was asked to make a motion to initiate the workgroup for approval at the next meeting. A motion was made and seconded.

10. Next Meeting: 10:00 AM, April 9, 2013, Pier-35.

11. Adjournment: 11:35 pm.