

California Area Maritime Security Committee  
Meeting (unclassified) minutes  
Port of Oakland, Exposition Room, California  
April 11, 2017

1. **Quorum Call** - Mr. Paul Martin, USCG, called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Capt. Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange, confirmed there was a quorum.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes of both the October 18, 2016 and January 10, 2017 meetings. The minutes were approved without dissent.
3. **Comments by the Chair** – Capt. Tony Ceraolo, USCG: Highlighted Maritime Domain Awareness and advised that this quarter’s Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and includes information on reporting suspicious activity and security breaches. Planning for the CyberGuard Prelude 2017 exercise is moving ahead in sub-committee and participation is welcome. Official FEMA PSGP guidance has not been released but will most likely be similar to previous years. Prepare grant packages and register with FEMA now. A preliminary timeline indicates that PSGP guidance will be released in mid-May, application deadline is June 20<sup>th</sup>, COTP review from June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup> followed by FEMA review, allocations and grant awards by mid-September.
  - Capt. Ceraolo presented out-going AMSC members Mike O’Brian, Port of Oakland and Sidonie Sansom, Port of San Francisco, with USCG Certificate of Merit Awards for their service. Andrew Myers, FBI, is also leaving the AMSC and was commended.
  - a. Capt. Ceraolo swore in several new members of the AMSC: Chris Beckwith, CA State Lands; Philip White, Bay Area UASI; Rodney Lockett, DHS; Adam Patalano, SSA.
4. **Member Agency/Industry Reports** - AMSC Membership

Mark Ayers, Chevron: Things have been quiet as security hardening continues with installation of additional gates and fences.

Dave Brown, Contra Costa Sheriff’s Office: Hours will be from 12:00 – 22:00 starting May 1<sup>st</sup> to focus on night operations. Inter-agency training was recently completed. The Sheriff’s Office is deploying drones for surveillance and can assist other agencies. Seventeen agencies will participate in the first Delta Blitz enforcement on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Notification delays regarding bridge jumping suicides have been an issue and is being addressed. Capt. Ceraolo advised that USCG protocols are being changed to include the notification of more counties.

Mike O’Brian, Port of Oakland: The multi-agency table top exercise Operation Sea Sick was held last week simulating response to an industrial chemical release terrorist attack aboard a ship. A full scale exercise aboard a MARAD ship is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Sidonie Sansom, Port of San Francisco: Planning is underway for July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks and celebrations expected to draw over one million people to the waterfront. Puglia will be taking over operations of the San Francisco Pier 70 shipyard and a seven acre park adjacent will be opened to the public. SF Dept. of Emergency Management recently hosted a conference focusing on the ferry system among other transportation issues. The Seawall Resiliency Project is moving forward after highlighting deteriorating seawall conditions. The Port Re-opening Coalition is scheduled to meet on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Bay Model.

Phillip White, UASI: Introduced himself to the committee and offered assistance with equipment and training needs.

Adam Patalano, SSA: Introduced himself to the committee and advised that there has been an uptick in the number of vagrants in the area. No security breaches have taken place but a theft was recently reported. Be aware that newly hired union security personnel will be cycling in soon.

Rodney Lockett, DHS: A local DHS office has been established and resources are available. Jesse Rangle is the Outreach Coordinator. Hearing letters have been sent to facilities regulated under the CFATS program. In partnership with CBP, commodities coming in from China to the ports of LA/LGB and Oakland will be monitored. A three day cybersecurity training course for facilities personnel is offered for those interested.

Chris Beckwith, CA State Lands: Introduced himself to the committee.

Capt. Ceraolo, USCG: There will continue to be an increased random USCG enforcement presence on-board ferries.

Paul Martin, USCG: An email containing the preliminary PSGP timeline was sent to the AMSC group and is available. Last years' Notice of Funding Opportunity is also available for reference.

Capt. Korwatch, SFMX: Nothing to report.

Hank Ryan, MARAD: MARAD and the USCG will be participating in the City of Alameda July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. There was a recent test activation of the Cape Horn and an upcoming activation of the Gem State.

Paul Londynsky, Matson: Advised of a new program for insider threat and cybersecurity issues which correlates to CBP's C-TPAT program. Cybersecurity is a priority with double authorization and thumb drive restrictions having been put in place. Employee cybersecurity training is now required. Four new ships have been contracted and are due by 2020 but seven old ships will be removed from service.

Catharine Hooper, Maritime Consultant: Fleet Week is the first week of October. Four US Navy vessels and a Canadian frigate are expected to participate this year and will dock along the northern waterfront. A commodity distribution exercise and Blue Angels airshows are also planned.

Andrew Myers, FBI: A full scale inter-agency security exercise will take place in June. The TTX and planning meetings have gone well. The Underwater Hazardous Device Team is currently a joint partnership between the FBI and SFPD. Monterey County will be joining the team and sending personnel to the post-blast dive course on May 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Swindler, Golden Gate Ferry: Thanked the USCG for increased ferry patrols and enforcement. Boarding demonstrations with UASI and the USCG are being planned.

Bill Aboudi, Oakland Maritime Support Services: Advised of new construction and changes at the Port of Oakland. Issues are being worked on to reduce the backup at TRAPAC. A Truck Work Group Meeting was recently held regarding industry computer systems.

Cathy Eide, Oakland OES: Recent winter storms and a house fire on San Pablo Avenue have triggered emergency response and requests for disaster assistance. Several EOC activations are scheduled for the coming months.

Robert Butchart, Cal OES: The California AMSC meeting is on May 31<sup>st</sup> in San Diego and the agenda is being developed. Input is welcome. Capt. Ceraolo commented on issues regarding ship traffic in the delta during a recent high water event and concerns that the levee system could be impacted. Communication between agencies facilitated a safe resolution.

Lucille Pezzullo, HSI: Introduced herself to the committee.

## **5. Work Group Reports:**

- a. PRND subcommittee – Mr. Philip White: Advised that the region has robust Rad/Nuc detection capabilities with twelve organizations participating. Local fire departments are also interested. Bay Area PRND maritime training will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> with more information available at: bayareauasi.org. The Vigilant Guardian radiological preparedness and security exercise is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. The Bay Area UASI offers free training and resources for port personnel.
- b. CYBER Subcommittee – Mr. Martin: This quarter's Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and is available on the HOMEPORT website. GPS jamming and the hacking of Industrial Control Systems are highlighted. The CyberGuard Prelude cybersecurity table top exercise will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 09:00 – 14:00 and the Richmond MSSC. Participation is welcome. Capt. Korwatch advised that there will be a USCG presentation regarding cybersecurity aboard vessels given at the May 11<sup>th</sup> HSC meeting.

## **6. General Reports:**

- a. Neptune Coalition Brief – LCDR Daniel: Preparation is underway for Fleet Week on October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Ferry boardings and enforcement have been increased. Participation with the FBI's table top security exercise and full exercise planned for June is ongoing.
- b. Security Breach Report – CPO Lesko: Distributed and reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. Also reviewed 2016 yearly security breach statistics by port.

## **7. Public Comment:**

- Kurt Birkhahn, MARAD, announced the celebration of National Maritime Day on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Alameda.

## **8. Old Business: None**

## **9. New Business:**

- Paul Martin facilitated the distribution of DHS informational materials and introduced Nic Samonte, USCG, who will be leading the Port Readiness Committee.
- It was announced that the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee is meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Sidonie Sansom proposed that the Port Re-opening Coalition be included as a sub-committee of AMSC. The motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

## **10. Next Meeting:** The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, July 11, 2017, Port of Oakland, 530 Water Street, Oakland, CA.

**11. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.