

California Area Maritime Security Committee  
Meeting (unclassified) minutes  
Port of Oakland, Exposition Room, California  
January 9, 2018

- 1. Quorum Call** - Mr. Paul Martin, USCG, called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM and confirmed there was a quorum.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting. The minutes were approved without dissent.
- 3. Comments by the Chair** – Capt. Tony Ceraolo, USCG: Advised of the continuing focus on maritime domain awareness. A terrorist plot targeting San Francisco Pier 39 was recently uncovered by law enforcement and illustrates the security risk to our region. Security was increased aboard the ferry system leading up to New Year's. Suspicious activity was reported and investigated involving a person repeatedly riding the Alcatraz Ferry. Report suspicious activity to the USCG. The threat of active shooters and terrorism aboard ferries is a major USCG concern. The latest Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published. Cyber-attack prevention and response are a priority. Comments on USCG cybersecurity NVIC 05-17 are being reviewed and new standards adopted. An update of the Area Maritime Security Plan is taking place with a Port Security Risk Assessment of our region scheduled to begin next week. Work Groups will be held in April to consider plan amendments. Prepare PSGP grant applications early using 2017 instructions as a guideline.
- 4. Member Agency/Industry Reports - AMSC Membership**

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: Nothing to report.

Paul Londynsky, Matson: The USCG's National Maritime Security Advisory Committee (NMSAC) meeting is scheduled for mid-March and will be held in Oakland. Matson is purchasing four new ships and retiring older ones. A smaller ship has also been acquired and the vessel security plan is being developed.

Bill Aboudi, Oakland Maritime Support Services: Road surface improvements have been made to the Oakland Army Base. There have been problems with terminal appointment systems which are a concern given the lack of backup systems and resulting delays. Since night gates have been open, increased vandalism has been witnessed by truckers. Troy Hosmer advised of the Port of Oakland's 24-hour watch line: 510-627-1262.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: A Port Reopening Workshop is planned for January 25<sup>th</sup> at YBI. The focus will be on the nexus between land-based and maritime issues. The Coastal Trident cybersecurity exercise is being planned.

Lucille Pezzullo, HSI: Nothing to report.

Katherine Dahlberg, Marin Co. Sheriff Office: The Sheriff Office is acquiring a new 33 foot boat funded by the PSGP and participated in last year's Vigilant Guardian exercise. An ordinance is being developed regarding time restricted anchoring in Richardson's Bay. Capt. Ceraolo advised that anchoring issues are widespread throughout the state. John Hummer, MARAD, advised that increased anchoring has also been a problem in Redwood City.

Brian Miller, Solano County Sheriff Office: Budget issues affecting several North Bay counties have been challenging. Security aboard the Vallejo Ferry is a priority and the Sheriff Office is considering putting officers on board. Capt. Ceraolo advised the Sheriff Office to coordinate with the USCG to maximize security presence. Suicides on North Bay bridges are a concern and may increase after Golden Gate Bridge barriers are installed. The California Boating and Safety Officers Association will be holding their three day annual symposium.

Phil White, Bay Area UASI: The Bay Area UASI Regional Training & Exercise Program provides security training at no cost with over 200 courses including active shooter training, rescue boat training and underwater demolition. Register for courses at: [www.bauasitep.org](http://www.bauasitep.org)

David Cook, Contra Costa County SD: Derelict live aboard vessels and debris removal have been ongoing concerns.

Dave O'Neill, TraPac: Nothing to report.

Chris Kim, TSA: Local VIPR Teams are continuing operations but face future uncertainty.

Colin McDermott, Golden Gate Ferry: Planning and cooperation to increase ferry security is ongoing.

Bryan Griffiths, USCG: All Passenger Vessel Association Alternate Security Plans were renewed in the last quarter. Fourteen ferry operators conducted vulnerability assessments and updated security plans. Inter-agency strike force operations were conducted in November and December. TSA TWIC inspection has been a focus. LNG bunkering in SF Bay is an upcoming issue that is being addressed.

Adam Patalano, SSA Terminals: PMA is sponsoring an active shooter tabletop exercise and participation is welcome.

Donald Snaman, Port of Redwood City: Nothing to report.

Harry Bolton, Cal Maritime: Cal Maritime is hosting the upcoming Woman in Maritime Leadership Conference on March 2-3, 2018.

Hank Ryan, MARAD: Some Ready Reserve vessels have moved and are now docked at Pier 96, Pier 50, Alameda and Oakland. The vessels are available for training and exercises. Work at MOTCO is planned. John Hummer, MARAD, advised that their Annual Enhanced Port Readiness Assessment Report has been submitted. Military out load capabilities and preparation were detailed. It is recommended that the UP Railroad participate in planning with the Port Readiness Committee.

Rodney Lockett, DHS: Nothing to report.

Bryan Wendleton, Everport: Advised of issues with their PSGP package and questioned the pre-vetting process. Capt. Ceraolo advised that the USCG seeks to improve PSGP guidance and welcomes suggestions and participation.

Lynn Korwatch, SF Marine Exchange: The SF HSC meeting is this Thursday, January 11, 2018, at the Richmond MSSC. The California Air Resources Board will be giving an update on proposed cold ironing regulations.

Steve Baxter, CBP: Equipment with new technology has been acquired and a location has been selected for the new Centralized Examination Warehouse.

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

- a. PRND subcommittee – Mr. Phil White: A three day maritime PRND course was held at YBI last year and will be an annual event. A tabletop PRND exercise was held in 2017 as well as the Vigilant Guardian exercise which had a maritime component with joint hazard assessment teams. An after-action report will be released on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The Bay Area now has mobile Rad/Nuc air surveillance and surveying technology. A maritime operations course and table top exercise are planned in 2018.
- b. CYBER Subcommittee – Mr. Paul Martin: The Cybersecurity Subcommittee met on December 13, 2017 at the MSSC. The January Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and is available on the HOMEPORT website. A GPS spoofing incident in the Black Sea is highlighted in addition to DHS cybersecurity safety tips. Legislative efforts relating to the cybersecurity of smart devices are also detailed. Many comments have been received regarding USCG NVIC 05-17. The final NVIC is expected to be published this year. The Cybersecurity Subcommittee will start planning in March for a functional cybersecurity exercise. Capt. Ceraolo advised that cyber-attacks are often not reported promptly as companies look internally and are reluctant to disclose information that could affect their bottom line. Encouraging the reporting of incidents is a priority and suggestions are welcome. DHS provides assistance and guidance in the event of cyber-attack in addition to facilitating situational awareness through information sharing and analysis. Systems are available to facilitate controlled information sharing and protect sensitive data.

## **6. General Reports:**

- a. Neptune Coalition Brief – Sector SF: The next Neptune Coalition meeting is on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The Neptune Coalition provided security and enforcement during New Year's Eve celebrations. Safety Zones were in effect for several fireworks shows and focused patrols were conducted. The foiled terrorist attack on Pier 39 demonstrates the importance of preventative security.
- b. Security Breach Report – Bryan Griffiths, Sector SF: Distributed and reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. Internal and vessel based security risks are a concern in addition to external threats.

## **7. Public Comment:**

- John Hummer, MARAD, thanked Nic Samonte, USCG, for coordinating the Port Readiness Committee.
- Henry Russell, SSA Long Beach, commented on the recent Maersk cyber-attack and advised of ongoing cybersecurity initiatives. Protecting the transfer of data and performing IT assessments are a priority.

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

## **9. New Business:**

- Paul Martin advised that the 2018 Port Security Risk Assessment will be performed next week for selected terminals. The USCG and Army National Guard will be participating. Five facilities will be visited: Richmond Long Wharf, Jack London Square Ferry Terminal, SSA, Pier 27 and the SF Ferry Terminal. A report on the assessment team's findings will be given at the next AMSC meeting if available and approved for release.

- Paul Martin advised that a drill of the Alert Warning System will be conducted soon. Contact Nic Samonte, USCG, to update contact information.

**10. Next Meeting:** The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, April 10, 2018, Port of Oakland, 530 Water Street, Oakland, CA.

**11. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.