

California Area Maritime Security Committee  
Meeting (unclassified) Minutes  
Port of Oakland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room, California  
July 17, 2018

1. **Quorum Call** – Mr. Paul Martin, USCG, called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM and confirmed there was a quorum.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Capt. Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting. Corrections were submitted by Catharine Hooper. The minutes were approved without dissent.
3. **Comments by the Chair** – Capt. Anthony Ceraolo, USCG: Introduced new USCG Deputy Sector Commander, Capt. Marie Byrd replacing Capt. Patrick Nelson. The July Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and includes information on maritime cyber-pirates and radar hacking. Work on the five-year AMSC Plan Review is underway. An AMSC Plan Review Work Group has been established and participation is requested. The Port Security Resiliency Assessment which took place in January is complete and final reports issued. The USCG recently completed their field review of 2018 PSGP projects. A total of twelve projects were considered. FEMA will conduct their final PSGP review and determine funding allocations. Grant awards are expected by September.
  - a. Five new AMSC members were sworn in by Capt. Ceraolo.
    - i. SGT Darron Epperson, Sacramento Co. Sheriff Dept.
    - ii. Mr. Richard Hernandez, State Lands Commission
    - iii. Mr. Brandon Chapman, Port of San Francisco
    - iv. Ms. Nancy Navarro, Shell Oil
    - v. Ms. Lauren Gularte, WETA

4. **Member Agency/Industry Reports - AMSC Membership**

Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: Nothing to Report.

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: The Port is reviewing results of their Port Security Resiliency Assessment and will take steps to mitigate any vulnerabilities.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: The State Threat Assessment Center is hosting USCG personnel. The integration of the USCG with regional emergency operations centers is a priority in all California sectors. The Maritime Security West Conference will be held in August focusing on law enforcement issues.

Dave Trombino, Lawrence Livermore National Lab: Updated the status of the RAIN project which focuses on remote nuclear radiation detection. Project testing is being planned and the Bay Area remains in the running as a test location.

Phil White, Bay Area UASI: 240 thousand dollars has been granted to obtain PRND equipment that detects isotope specific threats. The Bay Area UASI Regional Training & Exercise Program provides security training at no cost with many courses available. Register and create an account at: [www.bauasitep.org](http://www.bauasitep.org).

Lucille Pezzullo, HSI: Nothing to Report.

David Cook, Contra Costa County SD: Nothing to Report.

Donald Snaman, Port of Redwood City: A July 4<sup>th</sup> Safety Zone was in effect for fireworks displays. A security exercise is planned for August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Catharine Hooper, Maritime Consultant: Fleet Week will be held the first week of October. A Navy LHD is expected to arrive on September 30<sup>th</sup>, launch its LCUs and dock at Pier 30/32. A Navy Guided Missile Cruiser, MCM and LCS are also expected later in the week along with the Canadian frigate Vancouver. Vessels will dock along the northern waterfront. A USCG cutter, USACE Dillard and a MARAD vessel will also be participating. The Parade of Ships will be on October 5<sup>th</sup> and vessels will depart on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The Blue Angels will be performing. Neptune Coalition planning is taking place. The mission of Fleet Week is earthquake preparedness and a fuel distribution exercise is being planned. Capt. Ceraolo advised that Fleet Week has been classified as a SEAR-II level event for the first time. The Secret Service will oversee security and coordinate with the USCG and other agencies.

Brian Miller, Solano Co. Sheriff Dept.: Issues have arisen with the non-profit Pacific Coast Water Rescue organization, [www.pcwrf.com](http://www.pcwrf.com). This organization is not affiliated with law enforcement. The Solano county dive boat is available for use by other agencies.

Darron Epperson, Sacramento Co. Sheriff Dept.: Introduced himself and advised that Sacramento County recently used Solano County's dive boat for a body recovery operation.

Mitch Green, City of Oakland: Personnel changes have taken place.

Richard Hernandez, State Lands Commission: State Lands Prevention First conference will be held on September 25-26, 2018 in Long Beach. Visit: [www.slc.ca.gov](http://www.slc.ca.gov). Topics include sea-level rise, emerging technology, Cosco Busan report and non-floating oils. State Lands will be hiring a new Marine Safety Specialist.

Brandan Chapman, Port of San Francisco: A communications drill is being planned for next week in preparation for Fleet Week. The AAPA Security Summit is taking place in Chicago next week. Public access issues are being addressed.

Tony Ceraolo, USCG: New USCG District 11 Admiral Peter Gautier assumed command in June.

Nancy Navarro, Shell Oil: Introduced herself and offered to host a future AMSC meeting at Shell. An oil discharge exercise is planned.

Lauren Gularte, WETA: Introduced herself and advised that a new ferry boat was welcomed to the region in June with more on the way.

Colin McDermott, Golden Gate Ferry: Will be assisting WETA in planning for the Urban Shield exercise taking place in September. Grant funding has been secured to conduct a ferry exercise on the bay.

Marie Byrd, USCG: Introduced herself as new USCG Deputy Sector Commander.

Steve Baxter, CBP: There have been complications with CBP's examination warehouse in Oakland. Updates will be provided.

Adam Patalano, SSA Terminals: A three day waterfront security course will be held in Oakland.

Bill Aboudi, Oakland Maritime Support Services: There have been reports of after-hours security and trespassing issues in Oakland associated with the new bike path.

Hank Ryan, MARAD: Ready Reserve vessels are available for training and exercise purposes to interested agencies.

Mark Ayers, Chevron: Preparation is underway for the August AMSTEP oil spill exercise. Review of the Port Security Resiliency Assessment is taking place. On water training in boom deployment is being conducted. Construction of a hydrogen plant is ongoing. Chevron refinery security has been combined with that of the research facility and there have been personnel changes.

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

- a. PRND Subcommittee – Mr. David Trombino: CONOPS and SOPs still need to be updated.
- b. CYBER Subcommittee – Mr. Paul Martin: The Cybersecurity Subcommittee met on June 27<sup>th</sup> at the MSSC. The most recent Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and is available on the HOMEPORTR website. The 2018 AMSTEP functional exercise will take place on August 15-16 at YBI.

## **6. General Reports:**

- a. Neptune Coalition Brief – Sector SF: A Neptune Coalition meeting is scheduled tomorrow focusing on Fleet Week planning. Active shooter response issues are a priority.
- b. Security Breach Report – Chief Bryan Griffiths, Sector SF: Distributed and reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. It has been a relatively quiet period. The USCG will recommend security improvements upon reporting of incidents. Notice has been issued regarding new TWIC rule changes and comments are welcome.
- c. PSGP Report – Mr. Paul Martin advised that the USCG COTP field review of local PSGP projects took place on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the MSSC and included review of twenty five projects. FEMA will conduct the final review and make funding decisions. Funding will be determined by October 1<sup>st</sup> with grant award letters issued prior to that.
- d. AMSTEP Exercise Report – Mr. Paul Martin advised that the annual AMSTEP exercise will take place August 15-16, 2018. A functional or tabletop exercise is required every year. This year's functional exercise will be combined with an oil spill response drill hosted by Chevron and will feature active shooter, cyber-attack and oil spill scenarios. A drill of the Alert Warning System and targeted alerts will also be included. Contact Paul Martin to participate in or observe the exercise. Significant contributions have been made by Chevron, the FBI and the state of California.

**7. Public Comment: None**

**8. Old Business: None**

**9. New Business:**

- Capt. Ceraolo advised that he only has one year left as COTP. Partnerships between agencies and industry are of primary importance.

**10. Next Meeting:** The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, October 16, 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 11:06 AM.