

California Area Maritime Security Committee  
Meeting (unclassified) Minutes  
Online Meeting via ZoomGov  
January 12, 2021

1. **Quorum Call** – Mr. Paul Martin, USCG: Called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Capt. Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange, confirmed there was a quorum.
  
2. **Comments by the Chair** – Capt. Marie Byrd, USCG: There is heightened awareness after the Capital protests on January 6<sup>th</sup> and any suspicious maritime activity should be reported to the USCG Command Center. A new Coast Guard CISA representative will be appointed. CISA has published information regarding the recent SolarWinds cyber-attack and supply chain compromise. CISA also provides cybersecurity resources to organizations. The deadline for implementation of new TWIC regulations for high-capacity passenger vessel facilities has been extended. UAV (drone) issues have been addressed by the committee with a report from the FAA and the Work Group will be disestablished. Preparation for this year's PSGP is encouraged. The USCG recently responded to a bomb threat at the Golden Gate Bridge. No bombs were found upon bridge inspection and the caller was taken into custody.
  - a. Capt. Byrd swore in a new AMSC member: Erik Swanberg, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

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

Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: Nothing to report.

Erik Swanberg, LLNL: Nothing to report.

Jim Swindler, Golden Gate Ferry: Ferries are running on a reduced schedule.

Nancy Navarro, Shell: Nothing to report.

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: Cranes capable of unloading larger container ships are currently being delivered to the port.

Rick Salsedo, Port of Stockton: Nothing to report.

Jessica Feil, City of Oakland: Nothing to report.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: The recent presidential inauguration violence is being investigated. The Golden Gate Bridge bomb threat case has been taken over by the FBI. State and federal authorities are working together on the SolarWinds cybersecurity incident and accessing possible supply chain vulnerabilities. The bi-annual California Maritime Security Council was recently held and plan updates are needed. State Covid-19 response priorities include oxygen transport and vaccine security. The use of ferries as floating vaccine centers has been proposed by WETA.

Joel Hudson, FBI: Information will be provided regarding the Capital protest response.

Hank Ryan, MARAD: The use of ships for training and maritime exercises has been scaled back due to Covid-19.

Edgar Caster, DHS: A presentation can be given at the April AMSC meeting on CISA cybersecurity services. CISA protects proprietary information.

Tom Cullen, OSPR: Nothing to report.

Keith Mathews, SFPD: Nothing to report.

Darron Epperson, Sacramento Co. Sheriff Office: Nothing to report.

Joseph Reilly, Port of San Francisco: Nothing to report.

Bob Carr, SF Bar Pilots: Nothing to report.

Amanda Wallace, Chevron: Nothing to report.

Chris Gallup, Hornblower: Nothing to report.

Kevin Krick, Matson: New cybersecurity procedures and drill requirements have been put into place. Clarification regarding USCG audits is requested.

Dave O'Neill, TraPac: Nothing to report.

Catharine Hooper, Maritime Consultant: Nothing to report.

Frank Strasheim, MOL Chemical Tankers: Nothing to report.

Dave Connolly, Sailors Union of the Pacific: Labor concerns include vaccine rollout and maritime supply chain issues. Mariners should be prioritized for vaccination due to high risk.

Steve Longoria, Port of Redwood City: Two COVID cases were recently confirmed at the port affecting security personnel. The main port building is closed to the public.

#### **4. Work Group Reports:**

- a. PRND Subcommittee – Mr. David Trombino advised that PRND CONOPS and SOPs are available. Planning is underway for a possible Rad/Nuc exercise in March. Golden Gate Ferry has agreed to participate.
- b. CYBER Subcommittee – Mr. Paul Martin, USCG: The latest Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and is available on the HOMEPART website. Recent cyber-attacks including the SolarWinds incident are detailed along with response information from CISA. USCG MSIB 25-20 was issued regarding SolarWinds. LCDR Pegna, USCG, advised that the SolarWinds cyber-attack was a sophisticated hack through a third-party IT service provider affecting many industry networks. Little data was taken but the cyber-attack affected supply chain and NTS businesses.

#### **5. General Reports:**

- a. Neptune Coalition Brief – Nick Narruhn, Sector SF: The Neptune Coalition will be meeting tomorrow. A test of the First Net EMS call priority system is being planned and agency participation is welcome. Issues concerning bomb threats are being considered.
- b. Security Breach Report – Justin Sawyer, Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. Less security breaches than average were reported this period and included bad ID, trespassing and photography incidents. Enforcement of new TWIC regulations for large passenger vessel facilities has been delayed until April 30<sup>th</sup>. TWIC offices are open and TSA TWIC checks are being conducted. Contact the USCG for assistance with security plan escort ratio issues.
- c. UAS Report – Paul Martin, USCG: FAA Information about drone flying regulations was distributed to the committee. Guidelines for law enforcement include FAA reporting requirements. Legal issues concerning

the right to fly in public airspace are detailed. Website: [faa.gov/go/DronePublicSafety](https://www.faa.gov/go/DronePublicSafety). FAA Representative for Northern California: (916) 956-8830. Issues with drones should be reported as suspicious activity.

**6. Public Comment: None**

**7. Old Business: None**

**8. New Business: None**

**9. Next Meeting:** The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, April 13, 2021. The meeting will be held online via ZoomGov.

**10. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM.