

California Area Maritime Security Committee  
Meeting (unclassified) Minutes  
Port of Oakland, Exposition Room  
530 Water Street, Oakland CA  
April 12, 2022

1. **Opening Remarks** - Mr. Nic Samonte, USCG: Called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM and welcomed the committee members in attendance.
2. **Quorum Call** – Mr. Nic Samonte: Confirmed the presence of a quorum.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Capt. Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022, AMSC meeting. The minutes were approved without dissent.
4. **Comments by the Chair** – Capt. Taylor Lam, USCG: A subway shooting attack occurred in New York City today and the USCG is taking steps to increase security posture in the region. Marine Transportation System cybersecurity is a priority. USCG Cyber Protection Teams provide cybersecurity assessments and assistance to partner organizations. Significant vulnerabilities have been found. Sanctions against Russia are in effect and the USCG is monitoring for compliance. Several SEAR events are planned in 2022 including Pride, Fourth of July, and New Year’s Eve. A seminar on Mass Rescue Operations was held in March and a tabletop exercise will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>. A full-scale mass rescue exercise is planned in 2023. The container vessel Wan Hai 176 recently lost propulsion while transiting offshore in heavy weather. Rescue tugs were dispatched to assist the drifting vessel and successfully tow it to Anchorage 9. A fire occurred at the Port of Benicia requiring the coordination of three vessels getting underway to avoid damage. Waterway impacts from the incident were minimal.
  - a. Capt. Lam swore in new AMSC member: David Fisch, Port of Redwood City.
5. **Subcommittee Reports:**
  - a. PRND Subcommittee – Mr. David Trombino: A PRND presentation was given to the California Boating Safety Officers Association. Planning is underway for the Bay Ferry field exercise to be held in 2023 which includes PRND. CON-OPS procedures require the notification of USCG Sector San Francisco if radiation is detected by a sensor installed on a first responder boat. There are over forty law enforcement agencies in the SF Bay Area and partnership is a priority. PRND information is being shared with partners in Los Angeles as they develop CON-OPS for their region.
  - b. CYBER Subcommittee – Mr. Nic Samonte: The latest Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and is available on the HOMEPORT website. Information is provided about cyber-attacks on critical infrastructure and mandatory reporting of incidents.
  - c. Neptune Coalition Brief – CWO2 Nick Narruhn, Sector SF: A Neptune Coalition meeting was held last week and planning for Fleet Week is underway. The event is held in early October. The Sail GP racing event was successfully held last month off the San Francisco waterfront. NASBLA crew and tactical guidelines are being developed.
  - d. Security Breach Report – MST1 Badger, Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report for January – March 2022. Reports are down but trespassing continues to be an issue. Fence cutting, transient related incidents, and TWIC violations were reported. The reporting of all security breaches is encouraged.

## 6. Member Agency/Industry Reports - AMSC Membership

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: Nothing to report.

David Trombino, LLNL Retired: The recent Bay Guardian exercise featured counter UAS and drone detection. Drone security is a growing concern. The Naval Post Graduate School is studying UAS issues and will be involved in regional exercises. Capt. Lam advised that UAS activity is increasing. Counter UAS was deployed during last year's Fleet Week.

Jim Swindler, Golden Gate Ferry: PSGP funding has been secured for the Bay Ferry exercise in 2023. Planning is underway. New CARB rules for ferries have been approved which will require replacement of vessels to meet standards in coming years. Compliance will be a challenge for the industry. A crewmember recently passed away from health issues while on board a ferry and the USCG assisted.

Jim Vick, CBP: Radiation portal monitors are being installed. Outreach is a priority and pamphlets are available.

Matson: Nothing to report.

Dominic Yin, San Francisco UASI: Funding from the Securing Cities grant will be requested for Rad/Nuc detectors. PRDs and RIDs have been distributed to partner agencies. SF UASI will be presenting at the Homeland Security Center Conference in July and recently presented at the National Fusion Center Conference. A first responder seminar will be held in November with details to be provided. Agency staffing shortages are a critical concern and training has been impacted. New use of force regulations present severe challenges.

David Connolly, Sailor's Union of the Pacific: Labor shortages have been an issue. Reports of floating mines in the Black Sea have disrupted shipping in the region. The Wan Hai 176 is an older ship which may have increased risk of an incident.

City of Oakland: Nothing to report.

Dave Sullivan, NCRIC: A threat assessment partnership has been established with the USCG, Cal OES, and the Central California Intelligence Center. Sharing intelligence and threats with agency partners is a priority as is AMSC participation. Early reports indicate that the New York City attack was perpetrated by a lone gunman.

Joe Reilly, Port of San Francisco: Cruise ships are returning to the Port of San Francisco and calls are expected to increase. Planning for Fleet Week is underway. Baseball season has begun with increased use of waterways. UAS issues are a concern and best practices are needed. Jim Swindler advised that Golden Gate Ferry is running service for SF Giants home games. Dave Sullivan advised that drone regulations are minimal and fall under FAA authority.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: Planning for the Coastal Trident exercise is underway and will include Northern California agencies. A logistics and supply chain integrity meeting will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Rick Salsedo, Port of Stockton: The port recently conducted a USCG Cyber Protection Team assessment and testing of port systems. Security threats were found, and changes will be made to mitigate risk.

David Fisch, Port of Redwood City: The port is planning a multi-agency security exercise to be held in September.

Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: The Marine Exchange conducted a USCG CPT cybersecurity assessment which identified minor vulnerabilities which will be addressed. The PacMMS container vessel queuing system is in

effect for ships calling the Port of Oakland. Vessels are tracked offshore and given clearance to arrive reducing waiting and anchoring times. The Harbor Safety Committee will be meeting this Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom and will be returning to in-person meetings in May.

**7. General Reports: None**

**8. Old Business: None**

**9. New Business:**

- Nic Samonte advised the Port State Grant Program Notification of Funding Opportunity will be released by May 13<sup>th</sup>. This year's grant program priorities will be similar to last year's focusing on soft targets and cybersecurity.
- Joe Burgess, USCG, advised that construction of a hydrogen fuel cell ferry is nearing completion. The ferry will operate in the San Francisco Bay. Safety and security regulations for hydrogen powered vessels are being developed. Increasing numbers of hydrogen fueled vessels are expected in the future.

**10. Public Comment:**

- Brandon Farris, USCG, advised of enduring threats in the region including attacks on cruise ships and SEAR events. Contact the FAA to report UAS security incidents. A maritime intelligence focus group is being formed. Report all security incidents using the Suspicious Activity Reporting Tool.

**11. Next Meeting:** The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, July 12, 2022. The meeting will be held at the Port of Oakland, Exposition Room, 530 Water Street, Oakland, CA. The October AMSC meeting will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**12. Closing Remarks from the COTP:** Capt. Lam highlighted collaboration and partnership between agencies and industry. USCG District 11 leadership change will take place this summer. Admiral Linda Fagan will be the next USCG Commandant.

**13. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM.