

Northern California Area Maritime Security Committee

Meeting (unclassified) Minutes

Port of Oakland, Exhibit Room

530 Water Street, Oakland CA

July 9, 2024

1. **Opening Remarks** – Mr. Nic Samonte, USCG: Called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM and welcomed the committee members in attendance.
2. **Quorum Call** – Mr. Nic Samonte: Confirmed the presence of a meeting quorum.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Mr. Scott Humphrey, Marine Exchange: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024, AMSC meeting. Kevin Krick, Matson, advised that the term Closed Door Session be amended to Executive Session. The minutes were approved without dissent.
4. **Comments by the Chair** – Capt. Jordan Baldueza, USCG COTP: Capt. Baldueza is the new Sector San Francisco COTP replacing Capt. Taylor Lam. Paul Martin, USCG, has retired and Nic Samonte, USCG, has been appointed to coordinate the AMSC. PSGP applications were submitted by June 24th and the USCG Field Review meeting will be held on July 11th. Security was provided for the San Francisco Fourth of July fireworks event. The USCG issued a warning regarding protests at regional ports planned for July 1st and 4th, but minimal activity was reported. The SailGP racing event will be held this weekend with the USCG supporting security efforts. New USCG personnel have transferred to Sector San Francisco and command changes are ongoing.
 - a. Capt. Baldueza swore in two new members of the AMSC: SGT Samuel Flores, Sacramento Sheriff's Office, and Christy Coats, Port of Redwood City.
5. **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - a. PRND Subcommittee – Mr. Nic Samonte advised that Mr. David Trombino, LLNL Retired, could not attend the meeting. Volunteers are requested to assist with updating PRND CON OPS and SOPs.
 - b. CYBER Subcommittee – Mr. Fred Ellison, USCG: The Cybersecurity Newsletter is being updated for increased accessibility.
 - c. Neptune Coalition Brief – CDR David Herndon, Sector SF: The SF Fourth of July fireworks show was a SEAR2 event with coordinated security including UAS drone detection and assets on the water. Twenty drone mitigations were conducted. The Sail GP racing event is this weekend and security will be provided. The development of an AMSC subcommittee focused on UAS issues is being considered.
 - d. Security Breach Report – Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. A ferry terminal bomb threat was reported. Increased fence breaches and copper theft are concerns.
6. **General Reports** – None
7. **Member Agency/Industry Reports - AMSC Membership**

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: Protests planned for July 1st and 4th were not significant and no port disruptions were reported. The USCG and other port partners assisted with security. An incident took place on July 2nd involving containers being knocked off from a ship into the Oakland Estuary. A Safety Zone was established, and the lost containers were recovered. Increased fence breaches have been reported.

Andrea Tenner, San Francisco Dept. of Public Health: Bay Bridge protests of the APEC Summit were responsible for delaying vital emergency medical services. A Bridge Response Committee was formed to address the issue and develop bridge response plans. Participation is welcome.

Kevin Krick, Matson Navigation: No protest activity was reported at the terminal. NMSAC will be meeting on August 12th – 14th in San Diego during the MARSEC West Conference.

Todd Piantedosi, FBI: A commemoration ceremony will be held on July 15th for the Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent System.

Customs and Boarder Protection (CBP): Nothing to report.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: A ceremony will be held this Friday for the hydrogen fuel-cell powered Sea Change ferry. Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) is a priority and agency plans are being developed. Security, emergency management, and response/recovery are important considerations. Information sharing and the development of a Common Operating Picture are critical. Scott Humphrey advised that MDA has been primarily focused on security rather than emergency management which includes terrestrial interactions. Bob Butchart advised that several web-based security information sharing programs will be tested during this year's Fleet Week in San Francisco. The NCRIC is developing an information sharing system with DHS. Dave Sullivan advised that a presentation on the new system can be given at the next AMSC meeting.

Jessica Feil, City of Oakland: Oakland did not hold an official Fourth of July fireworks event this year. There were increased concerns relating to civil unrest, demonstrations, sideshows, and fires. The Oakland Fire Department recently lost a member, and a memorial service will be held.

Christy Coats, Port of Redwood City: The County of San Mateo is updating hazard evacuation plans.

Samuel Flores, Sacramento Sheriff's Office: A Fourth of July fireworks show was held in Sacramento. A fatal boating incident was reported. There are many waterways in the region and funding has been approved for a new dive boat.

Scott Humphrey, Marine Exchange: Welcomed Capt. Baldueza as new USCG COTP.

Chris Gallop, Hornblower: The Capital Hornblower received a local law enforcement escort off the dock to view the Fourth of July fireworks show in Sacramento.

Dave Sullivan, NCRIC: Nothing to report.

Dominic Moreno, Port of San Francisco: A two-barge fireworks show was held for Fourth of July with robust public attendance. No major security incidents were reported. The SailGP racing event is this weekend. Security planning is underway for the Portola Music Festival. A lithium battery fire exercise with Pasha Automotive is being held at Pier 80 in addition to a tabletop exercise at Pier 27. Forty-seven cruise ships have docked in San Francisco so far this year.

Edgar Castor, DHS: Nothing to report.

Erik Swanberg, LLNL: Nothing to report.

Keith Matthews, SFPD: Thanked participating agencies for assisting with Fourth of July security.

Rick Salsedo, Port of Stockton: Personnel changes are ongoing. A stolen port maintenance vehicle was recovered with the assistance of PSGP funded ALPR surveillance cameras.

8. Old Business:

- a. Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) Update: Nic Samonte advised that NDAs are available in hardcopy to be signed by all AMSC members. NDAs are required to maintain privacy and confidentiality during Executive Sessions.
- b. Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Status: Nic Samonte advised that PSGP applications have been submitted. The USCG Field Review period is July 2nd-18th. The AMSC Work Group will meet on July 11th to review and rank regional grant applications. FEMA will conduct their final review and issue grant awards in August.
- c. Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP) Update: Nic Samonte advised that volunteers are needed to assist with updating the AMSP.

9. New Business:

- a. Area Maritime Security Training & Exercise Program (AMSTEP): Nic Samonte advised that this year's AMSTEP exercise will be a tabletop seminar scheduled for September 19th. Planning for the exercise is underway with a focus on cybersecurity. A full-scale AMSTEP exercise was held last year in conjunction with Bay Ferry VI.

10. Public Comment:

- Stas Margaronis, Propeller Club, advised of an upcoming cybersecurity briefing by the Port of Los Angeles. Security issues have been found with Chinese ZPMC container cranes highlighting the need for domestic crane manufacturing.
- Representatives from Chevron and Pasha Group are interested in joining AMSC membership.

11. Next Meeting: The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, October 15, 2024. The meeting location will be the Port of Oakland, Exhibit Room, 530 Water Street, Oakland, CA. Additional venues are being considered for future meetings.

12. Closing Remarks from the COTP: Capt. Baldueza thanked all in attendance and highlighted the importance of partnerships within the maritime community.

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