

Northern California Area Maritime Security Committee
2024 4th Quarter Meeting (unclassified) Minutes
Port of Oakland, Exhibit Room
530 Water Street, Oakland CA
October 15, 2024

1. **Welcome** – Mr. Nic Samonte, USCG: Called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM and welcomed the committee members in attendance.
2. **Quorum Call** – Mr. Nic Samonte: Confirmed the presence of a meeting quorum.
3. **Opening Remarks by the Chair** – Capt. Jordan Baldueza, USCG COTP: The Sail Grand Prix race was held successfully in July. San Francisco Fleet Week was a safe and secure event, but fog impacted the Blue Angels airshow. An AMSTEP cybersecurity seminar was held in September. A Mass Casualty and Emerging Threats tabletop exercise was held on October 1st. 2024 Port State Grant Program (PSGP) awards have been issued. Capt. Jarod Toczko, new USCG Sector San Francisco Deputy Commander, introduced himself to the committee. Capt. Toczko was the USCG Incident Commander for Fleet Week. Cameron Bochman, WETA, and Capt. Samar Bannister, Cal Maritime, introduced themselves to the committee.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** – Mr. Scott Humphrey, Marine Exchange: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024, AMSC meeting. The minutes were approved without dissent.
5. **New Member(s)** – Capt. Baldueza swore in a new member of the AMSC: Mr. Cameron Bochman, WETA.
6. **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - a. PRND Subcommittee – Mr. David Trombino, LLNL Retired: Volunteers are needed to assist with updating PRND CON OPS and SOPs as part of a 5-year review. A NCRIC partnership is being considered to improve information sharing. Rad/Nuc incidents are considered low probability but high consequence events. An increasing number of regional agencies have PRND capability. Participation is welcome. Nic Samonte advised that a timeline of the PRND review has been distributed. Dave Sullivan, NCRIC, advised that there are agency staffing issues for PRND limiting the availability of secondary screeners. Matt Devine, UASI, advised of CTOS classes available for PRND assets. PRND training will be held at the Port of San Francisco on January 13-16, 2025. Nic Samonte advised that NDAs are required for subcommittee participation.
 - b. CYBER Subcommittee – Mr. Klaus Barboza, USCG: Priorities include the development of facility and vessel security plans. There has been an uptick in cyber-attacks on critical infrastructure. The Maritime Cybersecurity Assessment and Annex Guide (MCAAG) is available. Capt. Baldueza advised that USCG Cyber Protection Teams can assist with cybersecurity resiliency and response. A CYBER Subcommittee meeting is scheduled in November.
 - c. Neptune Coalition Brief – Sector SF: Sail GP was held in July. Fleet Week, a SEAR event, was held in October with multi-agency coordinated security including explosives detection. Counter UAS was also conducted with over forty drone detections and fifteen mitigations during the event. Security will be provided for the San Francisco New Year's Eve fireworks event.
 - d. Security Breach Report – Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. Two cybersecurity incidents were reported. No trends have been detected.

7. Member Agency/General Reports - AMSC Membership

Kevin Krick, Matson Navigation: The MARSEC West Conference and NMSAC meeting were held in August. Scott Humphrey gave a presentation on maritime incident response. Henry Russel, SSA, chaired an active shooter work group. Proposed cybersecurity rulemaking was considered. The next NMSAC meeting will be held on March 24-26, 2025.

Andrea Tenner, San Francisco Dept. of Public Health: An outbreak of cattle transmitted H1N1 influenza is being monitored. A Marburg virus outbreak in Rwanda was reported and travelers are being screened. There is an IV fluid shortage due to recent east coast hurricanes. With the US election approaching, there is concern about healthcare access due to protest activity.

Nancy Navarro, PBF Energy: Security will be increased for the US election.

Todd Piantedosi, FBI: There is no increase in Weapons of Mass Destruction threat levels. Election related cyber-attacks by Russia, Iran, and China are escalating. The potential for election violence is a major concern.

Dave Sullivan, NCRIC: Fleet Week was a well-organized event. Election related violence and protests could impact highways and MDA.

Kraig Higashi, Port of Stockton: Nothing to report.

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: The east coast ILA dock workers strike has minimally impacted Port of Oakland operations.

Rick Salsedo, Port of Stockton: Personnel changes are ongoing, and several promotions have been made.

Dominic Moreno, Port of San Francisco: The SF Marine Exchange 175th Anniversary event was held in September. Fleet Week was a successful event. There was protest activity directed at the Blue Angels airshow. Vendor enforcement was conducted. The Portola Music Festival was held, and New Year's Eve fireworks are upcoming. Major sporting events are also expected.

Brandon Chapman, Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District: A ceremony was held for the Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent System. The system has been successful with a 95 percent decrease in suicides. Ferry terminal and bus incidents have been reported. An oil spill response tabletop exercise is upcoming. An exercise was held as part of Fleet Week focused on transportation following a disaster. The MTC Regional Transportation Working Group is active and there is a mutual aid agreement in place requiring ferries to support emergency transportation. Bi-weekly security meetings are being held. Election security is a priority.

Christy Coats, Port of Redwood City: Nothing to report.

Cameron Bochman, WETA: WETA participated in the Fleet Week transportation exercise.

Bryan Pangelinan, Customs and Boarder Protection (CBP): Successful enforcement was conducted in September relating to passengers on a Princess Cruises vessel at Pier 27. Methamphetamine and cocaine trafficking were targeted.

Samuel Flores, Sacramento Sheriff's Office: Removal of derelict vessels in the delta is a priority. A new dive boat has been acquired. Enforcement has been increased due to the temporary closure of Coast Guard Station Rio Vista.

Daryl Jackson, Chevron Shipping: Greg Bosworth is retiring. Recent anti-Chevron protests have had minimal impact on operations.

Keith Matthews, SFPD: SFPD is hosting upcoming UASI classes including an ROV course on November 10-12, dive classes, and EMT training. A PSGP funded SWAT boat is being acquired.

Chris Gallop, Hornblower: A Passenger Vessel Association meeting was held recently. Fire related issues and drills were considered. There are ongoing concerns with new CARB regulations.

Matt Devine, Bay Area UASI: Nothing to report.

Gustav Hein, MARAD: The Ready Reserve fleet is at 54 percent readiness. There are current operations supporting the DOT. Maintenance and repair are ongoing.

Jessica Feil, City of Oakland: Election security is a priority.

MOTCO: Nothing to report.

Meredith Albert, City of Santa Cruz: Collaboration is a priority. Security plans are being developed.

Peter Gollnick, APL Maritime: Introduced himself to the committee. APL container ships regularly dock at the Port of Oakland.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: Fleet Week partnerships worked well. MARSEC West was held in August. Election security concerns are being addressed.

8. Old Business:

- a. Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) Update: Nic Samonte advised that completed NDAs should be submitted as soon as possible. NDAs are required to maintain privacy and confidentiality during Executive Sessions.
- b. Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Status: Nic Samonte advised that over four million dollars of 2024 PSGP funding was awarded regionally. The USCG Field Review was conducted. FEMA dictates regional funding.
- c. Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP) Update: Nic Samonte advised that a Work Group has been formed to conduct the 5-year update of the AMSP. This year's AMSTEP exercise, a Cybersecurity Risk Plan seminar was held successfully on September 19th. The Cybersecurity Risk Plan is being developed and the 5-year PRND review is underway.

9. New Business:

- Nic Samonte announced that AMSC guest speakers are welcome.
- Dave Sullivan requested an AMSC closed Executive Session with the 95th Civil Support Team.
- Scott Humphrey advised that Fleet Week communication was excellent. Emergency management is a priority. A major national environmental data center was damaged by recent hurricanes.

- David Trombino advised of FAA drone regulation updates. Dave Sullivan advised that drone regulations are behind the technology and need to be updated. Drones can fly by waypoints without an operator. Mitigation is essential.

10. Public Comment: None

11. Next Meeting: The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, January 14, 2025. The meeting location will be the Port of Oakland, Exposition Room, 530 Water Street, Oakland, CA.

12. Closing Remarks by the Chair: Capt. Baldueza thanked all in attendance and highlighted the importance of partnerships within the maritime community. Upcoming security challenges include world events and the US election. Capt. Toczko will be coordinating SF New Year's Eve event security.

13. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM.