

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE
MEETING (UNCLASSIFIED) MINUTES
FORT MASON CENTER
February 10, 2008

1. Quorum Call

The chair, **CAPT Paul Gugg**, called the meeting to order at 1009.

CAPT Gugg asked the secretariat, **CAPT Lynn Korwatch**, if there was a quorum of the committee. **CAPT Korwatch** said that there was.

2. Approval of the Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes. A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed without discussion or dissent.

3. Comments by the Chair

CAPT Gugg said that he was enjoying meeting the local maritime community at so many different and well-attended events.

The region was still at MARSEC Level One.

Mr. Edward Gomez, TSA, **Mr. Mark Christianson**, APL, **Mr. George Lerner**, Port of Stockton, and **Deputy Robert Brandt**, Alameda County Maritime Patrol, were sworn to serve on the committee.

4. Member Agency/Industry Reports

Mr. Robert Samaan, California OHS: Prop 1B grants are moving ahead. Check their website for more information: <http://www.ohs.ca.gov/>.

Mr. Kenny Levin, San Francisco Bar Pilots: They are working with pilot organizations at Houston and Maryland to establish mutual support programs in the event of a natural disaster or terrorist event. They continue to work on improving security at their facility.

Dr. William Eisenhardt, California Maritime Academy: Their new crisis management simulation center was scheduled to be operational in late April.

They continue to improve their training programs in consultation with industry. The first in a new series of three programs for land-side responders will be offered in the Spring.

CAPT Gugg asked **Mr. Paul Martin**, USCG, if there was a committee on training. Mr. Martin said that it was not currently in the charter.

Mr. Gomez: He looks forward to working on the committee.

Deputy Brandt: The Urban Shield exercise will be expanded to include more counties this year.

Mr. Lerner: He looks forward to working on the committee. He said that as an inland port, Stockton has somewhat different issues of concern.

Mr. Christianson: APL is working to implement TWIC.

Mr. Ed Hughlett, Marine Terminals Corporation: Industry is concerned that starting the TWIC program will have a serious impact on commerce. Enrollment numbers for the program are low. If there are enrollment deficiencies among any category of employment there will be a negative impact on port operations. Only 2,787 people have enrolled in the program and it is not known what categories they belong to. TSA has not provided USCG with an intelligent method to determine who has signed up. TSA cannot provide numbers on the work categories because the job category check box is optional. It will be difficult to resolve any enrollment issues without this type of data. He urged USCG to immediately request that TSA make this a required part of the application.

CAPT Pete Bonebakker, CONOCO-Phillips: TWIC is looking like a long term issue.

Chief Mark Ayers, Chevron: The new C-TPAT program did not include any exemptions for companies already complying with MTSA requirements. They are concerned that confusion would be created by a new series of regulations issued by a different agency.

Mr. Eric Imhoff, Contra Costa County: They are working on their waterway patrol.

CAPT Paul Londynsky, Matson Navigation: They are also concerned about the impact of TWIC. Enrollment within Matson seemed to be going well.

They are also concerned about CBP's new 10+2 regulation that was in final comment period.

CAPT Barry Perkins, Monterey Fire Department: They plan to acquire Leica's 3d laser scanner for incident investigations.

Mr. Mike O'Brien, Port of Oakland: They have set up a website and legal assistance program for TWIC enrollment for their employees. At the current rate of enrollment, Oakland will not be ready before mid-August. Government outreach and customer support was not good. The enrollment sites are difficult to reach and information about how to get to them was poor.

BAYEX 2008 exercise was scheduled for late April. The goal of this years exercise is response to a hazmat incident. Up to twenty agencies will participate in the program.

Mr. Dan Vigna, CBP: **They were beginning a pilot program with USCG to spot-check containers that are supposed to be empty.**

5. Work Group Reports

Facility Access Final Report – CDR Drew Wood

The work group had been formed at the October 2007 meeting. Their charter was to facilitate an orderly process for ports to admit workers with a reason to be there.

They reviewed regulations and discovered that they had changed from those believed to be in place at the time the group was chartered. The current situation is that anyone with a TWIC card is not subject to further check, so there is no reason to instate a new or separate process. The facility still has the right to ask and record the purpose of the visit. Most Facility Security Plans already have a process in place to record the name and destination of those coming in. Conditions change if the security level goes to MARSEC 2. At that time the FSO can deny access to any TWIC holder that can't describe their destination within the terminal.

There followed a general discussion on the seeming confusion between regulatory requirements on the facilities to discern the business purpose of anyone entering their facilities and whether the new TWIC regulations allowed unlimited access. **CAPT Gugg** put the issue on the agenda for the April meeting.

6. General Reports

Intelligence Brief – Mr. Scott Rutz, FBI

There were no significant incidents to report. They continue to receive excellent cooperation from the maritime community.

Neptune Coalition Brief – Deputy Brandt

The SAR Olympics are scheduled for April 26 and 27.

They are preparing for the Tall Ships Festival of Sail that will visit San Francisco in July.

TWIC Program Update – LCDR Gerard Achenbach

All comments that USCG hears about the TWIC program are reported back to TSA. USCG HQ is proactive on this. They are aware of issues like the location of the Oakland enrollment facilities.

Enrollment has been slow because people are unwilling to invest the money till they know the certain date requirement. They don't want to lose eleven months out of the five years that the cards are good for.

Estimates on the numbers of cards that will be need to continue to grow and are far beyond initial estimates.

Fiduciary Agents Report – CAPT Korwatch

The concept of operations has been approved. They are now preparing to post an RFP. They are on track with the FEMA timeline.

MTSA Tabletop Exercise Report – Mr. Martin

Invitations to participate in the event to be held April 2 were going out. This year's exercise would be coordinated with the BAYEX scenario. Members of the committee were encouraged to attend the exercise.

7. Public Comment

There was none.

8. Old Business

There was none

9. New Business

BG Jack Hagan, Commanding General of the California State Military Reserve, and primary advisor to the Director, Office of Homeland Security on Homeland Security Exercise and Training; gave a Power Point presentation on the background and purpose of the Golden Guardian exercises. They have just completed the first three year cycle of the exercise program and are working now to create a plan for the next three to five years to test statewide response to major events within the state of California such as pandemic flu or multiple terrorist strikes on major ports. They coordinate their exercises with Federal and local response agencies and they are eagerly seeking input from business and labor to develop the best possible plans to meet their needs.

CAPT Dan Grant, USCG announced that the next round of Port Security Grants would be devoted to ferry security. An outreach workshop was scheduled for after the adjournment of the regular meeting.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting was announced for 1000 April 8, 2008 in the Golden Gate Room, Building A, Fort Mason Center.

11. Adjournment

At 1144 **CAPT Gugg** called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded; it passed without discussion or dissent.