

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE
MEETING (UNCLASSIFIED) MINUTES
FORT MASON CENTER
April 14, 2009

1. Quorum Call

The chair, **CAPT Paul Gugg**, called the meeting to order at 1008.

CAPT Lynn Korwatch confirmed that there was a quorum of the committee.

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

Thanked the community for its active participation and time spent.

The region was at MARSEC Level One. Vigilance is still encouraged. Please report anything suspicious.

Ms Margot Brown, National Boating Federation, and **Mr. Richard Clark**, Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association, were sworn into service on the AMSC.

Mr. Eric Imhoff, Contra Costa County Sheriffs Dept., was presented with a certificate of appreciation and Coast Guard coin for his "sustained and meritorious service" on the AMSC and its work groups.

4. Member Agency/Industry Reports

Mr. Jim Swindler, Golden Gate Ferries: They were planning a security exercise.

Mr. Tom Wilson, Port of Richmond: They were waiting for the release of Prop 1B funds to spend on security projects.

Mr. Mike O'Brien, Port of Oakland: Representatives from California port authorities would meet with representatives from Congress and FEMA in May to discuss the impact of environmental review requirements on security projects and grants.

Ms Sidonie Sansom, Port of San Francisco: They were evaluating their recent incident management exercise. They were studying flash mobs as a potential area of security concern in addition to being costly nuisances.

LT William Duke, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department: They were celebrating the one-year anniversary of their infrastructure protection team. They had just avoided elimination of their maritime patrol unit due to budget cuts.

Ms Daphne Markham, Oakland Police Department: Cuts in funding could impact staffing.

Mr. Mathew Lee, California Emergency management Agency: The yearly vulnerability assessment process was complete.

Mr. Edward Gomez, TSA: The new administration has shown more interest in multi-modal security so that the bulk of resources will not be devoted to aviation. More resources were expected to go to full body imaging, portable bomb detection, and K9 units.

Mr. Hank Ryan, MARAD: Two of their ships had been activated for a terror training exercise with Canada. Their local fleet assets are also available for local exercises.

Mr. Dan Vigna, CBP: Their local outreach effort on 10+2 had been well attended. There were still twelve months to go in the period of informed compliance.

Capt. Gugg, USCG: Said that the Coast Guard would be hard pressed to do their jobs without the help of local agencies like the Contra Costa Sheriff's or Oakland Police Department. He said they could appear before local bodies to make a sales pitch. TWIC had started well due to a lot of hard work by everyone. There had been a few problems, but no show stoppers.

Capt. Korwatch, Marine Exchange: Announced a party to celebrate the 160th birthday of the Marine Exchange.

Mr. Paul Martin, USCG: Asked those interested to review the Federal Register if they wanted to formally comment on the TWIC reader requirements process.

Mr. Clark, PICYA: Their members are happy to cooperate with the efforts of the USCG.

Ms Brown, NBF: Chairs the Prevention Through People Work Group of the state Harbor Safety Committee for the San Francisco Bay region. Meetings are open to the public.

Dr. William Eisenhardt, CMA: In July they would be offering certification courses for vessel security offices. Their course for first responders had been certified by the state and DHS.

Mr. Ed Hughlett, Ports America: TWIC had worked out well. There were only three incidents of ILWU workers showing up without their card and there had been two cases of truckers trying to get into facilities without their cards.

Mr. Mark Christensen, APL: The threat of Somali pirates was of great concern to them. They were not planning to arm their crew but were looking at enhancing non-lethal options.

Mr. Lorenzo Looper, Metropolitan Stevedores: Two passenger ships had arrived since TWIC had been implemented and there were no issues.

Mr. Dave Gonzalez, ILWU: Thanked the USCG for their help implementing TWIC. There were twenty members without cards, but they were in the process of getting them. He expressed concern that a labor arbitrator had been called out the first time there was an issue with TWIC because TWIC was not part of the recently negotiated labor contract. They strongly support security efforts because they are on the firing line and they don't want TWIC to be an excuse to reopen contract negotiations.

5. Work Group Reports

MTS Recovery, Fire Fighting and Salvage Work Groups – Mr. Jerry Bynum

The MTS Recovery workgroup had accomplished their data acquisition goals. They were in the process of making appropriate changes to their plan.

The fire fighters and salvage workgroups agreed to merge their efforts. They would be working into July to 1. Identify resources. 2. Get a sense for local mobilization and response times. 3. Develop training and interoperability guidelines for public and private responders. 4. Assess training requirements. 5. Establish a database to track stakeholder assets.

Mr. Victor Blalock, ChevronTexaco, asked if there were plans to test the workgroup product in drills. Mr. Martin said that they were part of the template for 2009, and in future drills they would be represented by a new port recovery unit

6. General Reports

Intelligence Brief – SA Scott Rutz

There was nothing to report. They appreciate the high level of interest shown in reporting suspicious behavior. They follow up on all tips.

Neptune Coalition Brief – LT Steve Youde

At their last meeting they had discussed preparations for opening day on the bay, budget constraints facing local enforcement agencies, and new and improved methods to track changing schedules and availability of personnel and assets. At the end of April they would be training on joint pier-side boarding. In May they would train on underway gunnery. At their May meeting they would discuss summer enforcement operations in the Delta where boating under the influence is an annual issue.

Fiduciary Agent's Report – CAPT Lynn Korwatch

The plan had been submitted and was posted on Home Port. Applicants were encouraged to get their investment justifications in.

TWIC Update – ENS Laura Gould

Everyone should feel proud that all of the effort paid off in a smooth roll out despite concerns. National compliance was set for April 15. As previously mentioned, the rule making process for card readers had begun. In the works was how to train security personnel to recognize counterfeit cards.

August MTSA Seminar – Mr. Paul Martin

The exercise on the plan rewrite will be in the form of a seminar, tentatively scheduled for August 12, at Gresham Hall, Coast Guard Island, Alameda. Planning conferences were still to be scheduled.

Guest Speaker – Mr. Robert Olds, SPAWAR

Mr. Olds gave a presentation on the use of marine mammals for security purposes. The program started as a military application, but now they are seeking to branch out to address the needs of the civilian maritime environment. They had recently demonstrated their capacity during exercises in Corpus Christie and Long Beach.

7. Public Comment

Mr. Anders Corr advertised the services of his firm, ARES Corp., to assist with investment justifications.

Rev. Dave Ross, Bay Area Seafarer's Service offered to create a forum to discuss TWIC issues.

Ms Catherine Hooper thanked **Mr. Looper** for the smooth handling of passenger ships after TWIC was implemented. Hundreds of workers had to be handled, and there were no problems.

Mr. Gonzalez said that a member of his union had been booted by Ports America after nine years of service. The member was experiencing difficulties because TSA lost his application and not because he had failed to apply or been disqualified.

8. Old Business

The new charter for a Waterways Watch Program work group was noted, and anyone with a comment was advised to contact Mr. Martin within the week. The work group would start work soon.

9. New Business

There was none.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting was announced for 1000, July 14 2009, venue to be determined.

11. Adjournment

Capt. Gugg adjourned the meeting at 1151