

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING (UNCLASSIFIED) MINUTES  
Pier 35 San Francisco, California  
April 13, 2010

**1. Quorum Call**

**Mr. Paul Martin**, USCG, called the meeting to order at 1014.

**CAPT Lynn Korwatch**, Marine Exchange, confirmed that a quorum was present.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes for the January meeting were approved without corrections.

**3. Comments by the Chair**

**CAPT Paul Gugg**, USCG, thanked those in attendance for their participation and Metropolitan Stevedores and the Port of San Francisco for providing the venue.

**Mr. Norman Chan**, Port of Richmond, was sworn into service on the committee.

**4. Member Agency/Industry Reports**

**CAPT Pete Bonebakker**, ConocoPhillips: They were working on security at access points to their facility.

**Mr. Richard Clark**, PICYA: His association was looking forward to opening day.

**Mr. Lorenzo Looper**, Metropolitan Stevedores: They were preparing for scheduled arrivals of passenger vessels.

**Mr. Ed Hughlett**, PMA: They were preparing for Golden Guardian 2010.

**Mr. Mark Christianson**, APL: They were preparing for Golden Guardian 2010.

**LT Will Duke**, Contra Costa County Sheriff Department: They were disappointed that their proposal for a Port Security Grant for the 2010 cycle was not approved. They were facing an additional eleven million dollar cut in their budget on top of those described at previous meetings.

**Mr. Jim Swindler**, Golden Gate Ferry: They were planning an exercise for October with help from the USCG and CMA.

**Deputy Robert Brandt**, Alameda County Maritime Patrol: Said that budgets for local law enforcement agencies need support.

**Mr. Edward Gomez**, TSA: They were adding four dogs to their K-9 unit at SFO. They were hoping for more body imaging devices because of continuing threats to aviation. They were able to hire military veterans with experience in explosive devices that reduced their need to rely on

bomb squads from local law enforcement agencies. SFO was one of three airports in the country reporting an increase in travel.

**Mr. John Leonard**, CBP: **Mr. Alan Bersin** was the new Commissioner for CBP after a recess appointment. They were planning an outreach event to vessel agents for March 25. They had had a successful outreach event to terminal operators in February.

**CAPT Paul Gugg**, COTP, USCG: Was looking forward to addressing the breakfast meeting before Opening Day on the Bay.

**CAPT Lynn Korwatch**, Marine Exchange: There was nothing to report outside of the fiduciary agent report already on the agenda.

**Mr. Norman Chan**, Port of Richmond: They were revising their security plans to accommodate new scheduled arrivals for Honda. They were at work planning a security exercise with tenants and private facilities for July or August of 2010.

**RADM Francis J. Johnston**, Board of Pilot Commissioners: **CAPT Allen Garfinkle** had been appointed executive director of the board. He had been a master for Matson for many years, and was a graduate of the CMA.

**Mr. Chris Beckwith**, California State Lands Commission: Their biennial prevention symposium was still scheduled for October 19 and 20 in Long Beach.

**Dr. William Eisenhardt**, California Maritime Academy: Their crisis management training center was capable of hosting one hundred and seventy people for six hours of simulation. **VADM Jody A. Breckenridge**, USCG, was scheduled to address their graduating class in May. Their March scholarship gala had raised one hundred fifty thousand dollars and **Dr. Eisenhardt** thanked the community for its support of CMA.

**Ms Renee Domingo**, Oakland: They were preparing for their part in Operation Golden Guardian. They continued to work with the Port of Oakland on their joint Maritime Domain Awareness Center. A maritime firefighting training course had been funded that was open to those interested in the region. They were continuing to work on funding for a full time crew for their fire boat.

**Mr. Mike O'Brien**, Port of Oakland: They were preparing for upcoming security exercises and working on operational plans for the Maritime Domain Awareness Center.

**Mr. George Lerner**, Port of Stockton: They were concerned that their TWIC registration office was scheduled to be moved to Lodi. USCG was sympathetic to their concerns about the inconvenience of the proposed new location in a UPS store given that upwards of ten thousand people in their region would need to be renewing their TWICS within a year.

**Ms Sidonie Sansome**, Port of San Francisco: Their port had joined with other ports, and port associations, to support full funding for the USCG budget. She urged other interested parties to make their opinions known. They were preparing for Operation Golden Guardian.

**CAPT Barry Perkins**, Monterrey Fire Department: They were looking forward to Golden Guardian and a spill response exercise with OSPR at Moss Landing.

**Mr. Don Siemens**, Port of Redwood City: They had put out a request for bids to build an emergency response center. CCTV and improved lighting were being installed at their facility. They were training for their first participation in the Golden Guardian exercise.

**Mr. John Hummer**, MARAD: They were preparing for exercise and addressing security and environmental concerns over ships to be towed out of the Suisun Bay.

## 5. Work Group Reports – none

## 6. General Reports

### Port Recovery/Salvage Subcommittee – Mr. Jerry Bynum

At their March 23 meeting **CAPT Johnson**, Vancouver, WA, Fire Department; gave a presentation on their plans to overcome geographic responsibilities and financial hardships for the Columbia River Fire Department CO-OP's responsibility for ship fires on the Columbia River.

T&T BISSO would use several Foss facilities in North America to position lightering and marine firefighting packages. Training and exercises were an important part of their strategy to comply with USCG OPA 90 and Marine Firefighting Regulations.

The next meeting of their work group was scheduled for May 25 at a location to be determined.

**Mr. Lerner** asked if the firefighting packages were containerized. **Mr. Bynum** said that they were, and could be easily deployed on Foss tug boats.

**Ms Sansome** said that this briefing was the first that she had heard about new firefighting regulations. **Mr. Bynum** said that the Port of San Francisco should be in good shape due to its operational fireboat. He added that firefighting and salvage plans were to be added to vessel safety plans. **CAPT Gugg** said that these developments were part of OPA 90 regulations and would soon apply to non-tank vessels. **CAPT Bonebakker** said that he thought these plans were already required. **CAPT Gugg** said that they were not required under current OSRO. **Ms Sansome** asked for a briefing on the regulations for the next meeting of the AMSC. **CAPT Gugg** asked **Mr. Bynum** to make arrangements with the Oakland and San Francisco fire departments.

### Neptune Coalition Brief – LCDR Matt Ruddick

A recent tactical training session for local law enforcement agency boat teams had been well attended. He thanked **SGT Doug Powell** for setting up the training location.

They were planning for Opening Day on the Bay and experiencing good cooperation and participation.

### Fiduciary Agent's Report – CAPT Lynn Korwatch

There was heavy competition for 2010 grants due to current economic circumstances and the absence of matching requirements in the 2010 round. Of forty-eight proposals submitted, thirty had been moved forward to FEMA.

There was still one million dollars available for the 2009 round, and perhaps more if not all submissions were approved. She said that there were also opportunities under the 2007 and 2008 rounds.

**CAPT Korwatch** thanked **CAPT Bruce Clark** and **CMDR John Ostrander**, of the CMA, for their assistance to the fiduciary agent.

**Mr. Swindler** asked what the spending window was for 2009 round grants. **CAPT Korwatch** said that all of the rounds were good for three years and added that FEMA had been flexible on extending the deadlines due to their rate of approving projects.

### **Golden Guardian 2010 Status Report – Mr. Paul Martin**

**Mr. Martin** gave a briefing on the itinerary, and stakeholders involved, for the Golden Guardian exercise scheduled to begin May 17. Of particular interest was the emphasis on port recovery and salvage issues, and the use of marine mammals in interdiction.

## **7. Public Comment**

**CAPT Korwatch** announced the May 13 membership meeting of the Marine Exchange and the Harbor Safety Committee.

**Mr. Terry Joslin**, Bluewater & Assoc., announced their package of training and continuing education programs for first responders.

A person in attendance asked when TWIC card readers would be rolled out. **CAPT Gugg** said that the Coast Guard would continue to do spot checks with hand held readers. He said that TSA had yet to give out technical specifications for stationary installations and said that he thought that other readers were two years out.

## **8. Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **9. New Business**

**CAPT Korwatch** asked for a motion to establish a PSGP equipment standards committee. Since so many agencies had similar requests, and commonality could reduce to reduced costs and better integration. The motion passed without discussion or dissent.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was announced for 1000, July 13, 2010 at Pier 35 San Francisco.

## **11. Recessed**

**Mr. Martin** recessed the open meeting at 1140.

## **12. Closed Door Session**

**Mr. Martin** commenced the closed meeting at 1145; to review a MSRAM (Marine Security Risk Assessment Model) presentation given by LCDR Ruddick, which is SSI (sensitive security information) material. The presentation prompted a spirited discussion among committee members. As to the results of the data and how those results were obtained.

## **11. Adjournment**

**Mr. Martin** adjourned the closed meeting at 1300.