

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE
MEETING (UNCLASSIFIED) MINUTES
Pier 35 San Francisco, California
April 13, 2011

1. Quorum Call

Mr. Paul Martin, USCG, called the meeting to order at 1010.

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

2. Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting was made and seconded. It passed without discussion or dissent.

3. Comments by the Chair

CAPT Cynthia L. Stowe said that the Japanese tsunami and subsequent nuclear reactor failures caused by the tsunami had made for a busy period for the Coast Guard since the last meeting. There were a lot of lessons learned to be worked out particularly in the cooperation between agencies on screening cargoes and vessels from Japan for nuclear contamination.

4. Member Agency/Industry Reports

MR Ed Hughlett, Ports America: There was nothing to report..

Chief Mark Ayers, ChevronTexaco: They have started planning for their worst-case discharge drill for December 2011.

CAPT Paul Londynsky, Matson Navigation: They are reviewing their terror plans and awareness training. They would send representatives to attend the annual Maritime and Transportation Security Conference in May.

CAPT Pete Bonebakker, ConocoPhillips: There was nothing to report. They will follow the lessons learned from the tsunami response with interest.

Mr. Mark Christensen, APL: There was nothing to report.

Mr. Scott Rutz, FBI: There was nothing to report.

Mr. Edward Gomez, TSA: SFO remains one of the busier airports in the country and they are happy to have good support from the city and county of San Francisco that helps to acquire the latest technology to keep track of the eighteen thousand employees of the facility. TSA is starting to work on advanced risk-based screening protocols. They will start with the air crews that make up two hundred thousand of the one million, eight hundred thousand people moving through the nation's passenger terminals on a daily basis.

Mr. Dan Vigna, CBP: Enhanced screening of vessels and cargos from Japan was keeping CBP busy. Most vessels were being screened at Seattle/Tacoma or Los Angeles/Long Beach; four had been screened in the Bay Area. Local agents were being informed as their vessels cleared those port regions. Terminal workers were concerned about the risk but a meeting with the ILWU president had alleviated those concerns. Only three percent of samples were showing any indication of radioactive contamination, and those were at very low levels.

Mr. Martin asked committee members to review the written report from **Mr. Greg Lingle** that had been distributed to them prior to the meeting. In August there would be a joint Port Readiness Seminar at the Inter-Operations Center on Yerba Buena Island. The focus would be intelligence, and AMSC members were invited to attend. Representatives from DHS, DOD, and DOJ would also be in attendance.

CAPT Korwatch, Marine Exchange: Invited everyone to the annual May Day membership meeting of the Exchange to be held at McCormick and Kuleto's at Ghirardelli Square, Thursday May 12 from 1630 to 1930. The Exchange will forward by email warnings and alerts received from the COTP to its membership since not everyone is registered on the Homeport portal.

5. Work Group Reports

a. PRND Subcommittee Report – Officer Mark Laherty

They are beginning work on training for Neptune Coalition members on radiological detection and vessel screening procedures. They hope to have exercises by fall or or early 2012. They continue to test vessel-based detection systems with the Naval Post Graduate School and Lawrence Livermore Labs.

b. Port Recovery/Salvage Subcommittee – Mr. Bob Butchart

A March exercise with Marin fire department and state and federal agencies went well. The big question was what do the various response organizations bring to the table. They are working on a salvage exercise.

c. PSGP Equipment Standards Subcommittee – CAPT Bruce Clark

They have met three times since the last meeting of the AMSC to develop organizational precepts and deliverable standards. There will be seven voting members and a non-voting technical advisory committee. They have identified three areas to focus on: Maritime domain awareness, surface and sub-surface craft, and land-based support. Since good stewardship of Port Security Grant funding is essential, their responsibility will be to establish baseline criteria and identify requirements and needs rather than specific vendors. Since our regional maritime environment is so diverse they will work on typing criteria to ensure that local needs are addressed. Finally, they will look into existing programs or standards elsewhere so that they do not get engaged in reinventing the wheel. Those interested were encouraged to get in touch.

d. Neptune Coalition Brief – LCDR Matt Rudick

They will begin monthly meetings with the boating season about to begin. Some unexpected changes to VHFG band usage caused by the new Rescue 21 SAR suite upgrade were being worked out. They will be working with the PRND work group to stay on top of nuclear detection and screening.

6. General Reports

a. Elevate Shield 2011/IS-408 Training – Mr. Paul Martin

The training will cover how AMSC members interface with the Coast Guard at an Incident Command Post. There were five spots open for the May training event that will be held at the IOC

b. MISRAM Update and Reminder – Mr. Greg Lingle

This is the fifth annual validation cycle for MISRAM. Hundreds of targets have been assessed. The preliminary submission is scheduled for June, with final submission scheduled for August. The data is important for identifying threats and developing training and is held appropriately. The data can also be used to identify buy-down on risk for PSG IJ's.

c. FA Report – CAPT Lynn Korwatch

Grant documentation had gone out in the mail. Everyone was encouraged to get it taken care of and returned to speed up the delivery of grant funds. It was great to report that money was going out and that projects were starting. It was hard to predict how much money would be available for the 2011 grant cycle. There were rumors of a hard cash match requirement for this round. Potential applicants were warned to be prepared for a much shorter turn-around process and to begin the paperwork as soon as possible. Due to the expected short turn-around on the 2011 process Exchange staff would not be able to assist individual organizations.

Mr. Lerner asked whether it was a necessary requirement to consult **Mr. Lingle**. **Mr. Martin** said that it would be a voluntary option most likely required for 2012.

7. Public Comment

Mr. Jocelyn announced that his firm had been contracted by Kinder-Morgan to design a regional exercise around Richmond.

8. Old Business

There was none.

9. New Business

There was none.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting was announced for 1000 July 12, 2011 at the IOC Yerba Buena Island.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Martin adjourned the meeting at 1122.