

California Area Maritime Security Committee
Meeting (unclassified) Minutes
Port of Oakland, Exposition Room, California
July 13, 2021

- a. **Opening Remarks** - Mr. Paul Martin, USCG: Called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM and welcomed the committee members in attendance.
- b. **Quorum Call** – Mr. Paul Martin: Confirmed the lack of a meeting quorum. All official business will be postponed.
- c. **Approval of the Minutes** – Capt. Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: Draft minutes of the April 13th meeting have been distributed. Voting on approval will take place at the next AMSC meeting with a quorum. For corrections or information contact: amsc@sfmtx.org.
- d. **Comments by the Chair** – Capt. Taylor Lam, USCG: Introduced himself as new Sector San Francisco Commander and COTP. Partnerships, transparency, and open communication are priorities. Introduced new USCG Master Chief Travis Cutler. The AMSC reviewed 17 PSGP grant packages totaling 4.5 million dollars regionally.
 - a. Capt. Lam swore in a new AMSC member:
 - i. Mr. Dominic Yin, City of San Francisco UASI Coordinator
- e. **Member Agency/Industry Reports** - AMSC Membership

Hank Ryan, MARAD: Ready Reserve vessels are available for approved training and exercises. Ships are being moved out of Alameda to other docks in the region including Oakland and San Francisco.

Catharine Hooper, Maritime Consultant: Planning for Fleet Week is underway.

Jessica Feil, City of Oakland: The Oakland Fire Department has deployed a strike team to assist with forest firefighting efforts. Law enforcement budget cuts have been enacted. There have been recent emergency activations due to civil unrest.

Bill Aboudi, Oakland Maritime Support Services: Ship backlog and congestion issues have been a challenge for the trucking industry. There is high container volume at the port and empty containers are in high demand. Container theft has been a problem with over 50 incidents reported. The price of containers has increased significantly.

Dominic Yin, San Francisco UASI: Introduced himself to the committee. Security grants for radiation detection equipment purchases have been secured totaling 3.1 million dollars. Training and exercises with the new equipment will be provided to partner agencies.

Paul Martin, USCG: The AMSC PSGP Field Review Work Group met at the MSSC and reviewed 17 grant packages including several by first-time grantees. Cybersecurity was a priority for the program this year. The reviewed grant packages totaled 4.5 million dollars. The National Review Panel is reviewing the packages before final approval by FEMA and award notification.

Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: Nothing to report.

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: Ship congestion and labor shortage issues are being addressed. The recent container thefts reported have not taken place at secure facilities within the port. MARAD ships will be docking at the port.

Jim Swindler, Golden Gate Ferry: Ridership is increasing after a substantial drop due to Covid-19. Promotions are being offered to attract new riders.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: This year's Fleet Week will include an air operations exercise. A Senior Leadership Seminar will also take place focusing on cybersecurity, Covid-19, first responders, and wildfires. Several Navy ships are expected to participate in Fleet Week and there will be an airshow. Planning is ongoing. Expansion of Maritime Domain Awareness efforts is a priority. Fusion centers are critical.

Brandan Lum, Cal OES Threat Assessment Center: The 2021-2024 Homeland Security Strategy is being approved and calls for regional threat assessment surveys to be conducted. The Threat Assessment Center is sending out surveys to liaisons throughout the state. The California Maritime Security Council has formed a subcommittee on the Homeland Security Strategy.

David Trombino, LLNL Retired: Nothing to report.

Erik Swanberg, LLNL: There is a focus on Rad/Nuc issues and partnerships are a priority.

Rick Salsedo, Port of Stockton: The Port of Stockton has appointed Kirk DeJesus as Port Director.

Kevin Krick, Matson: Cybersecurity procedures have been updated to reduce vulnerability and drills are being conducted. There are no updates regarding NMSAC.

Amanda Wallace, Chevron: Covid-19 vaccinations will be required for US mariners by August 1st. Vaccinations will also be provided to foreign crew. Modified work schedules are in effect shoreside.

f. Work Group Reports:

- a. PRND Subcommittee – Mr. David Trombino: The Bay Guardian PRND exercise was held in March and included Rad/Nuc and drone detection drills. The number of participating agencies has expanded increasing the need for training and field exercises. Golden Gate Ferry provided a vessel for the exercise and SFFD provided a fire boat. Cal Maritime is looking at techniques for Rad/Nuc detection on large vessels.
- b. CYBER Subcommittee – Mr. Paul Martin: A subcommittee meeting was held on June 30th focusing on GPS spoofing and cooperation between the FBI and USCG. The latest Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and is available on the HOMEPORTR website. Information is provided on NIST Handbook 162, cyber vulnerabilities, the MARAD cybersecurity website, and ship cybersecurity.

g. General Reports:

- a. Neptune Coalition Brief – Sector SF: Fleet Week is scheduled for October 7th – 10th. Five Navy vessels are expected to participate in the Parade of Ships and airshows will be held. Multi-agency security for the event is being planned. There has been an increase in stolen vessels reported in Solano County. Construction of the Treasure Island Pier is almost complete but will not be used until January. Training is planned. The next Neptune Coalition Meeting will be held on October 6th.
- b. Security Breach Report – CPO Sawyer, Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. Reports of drone related incidents have decreased. Several trespassing and theft cases were reported.

c. **Railroad Gate Presentation** – CWO Narruhun, USCG: There have been ongoing security breach issues involving railroads which pass through ports and other secure facilities. Transients entering secure areas from the tracks is the main problem. The USCG is working with industry to find solutions. Security breach reports due to transients are especially high along the tracks in Martinez. Rick Salsedo advised the use of cameras and increased patrols along railroad tracks. Hank Ryan advised of similar issues at Pier 80 in San Francisco where MARAD ships are docked.

h. Public Comment:

- Capt. Jordan Baldueza, new USCG Sector San Francisco Deputy Commander, introduced himself to the committee.
- CA State Lands advised of plans to increase AMSC participation.

i. Old Business: None

j. New Business: None

k. Closing Remarks from the COTP: Capt. Lam thanked the committee and emphasized communication.

l. Next Meeting: The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, October 19, 2021 at the Port of Oakland, Exposition Room, 530 Water Street, Oakland, CA.

m. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.