

California Area Maritime Security Committee  
Meeting (unclassified) Minutes  
Online Meeting via ZoomGov  
October 19, 2021

- a. **Opening Remarks** - Mr. Paul Martin, USCG: Called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM and welcomed the committee members in attendance. No sensitive or classified information is to be shared over ZoomGov.
- b. **Quorum Call** – Mr. Paul Martin: Confirmed the presence of a meeting quorum.
- c. **Approval of the Minutes** – Capt. Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 14 and July 13, 2021 AMSC meetings. The minutes were approved without dissent.
- d. **Comments by the Chair** – Capt. Taylor Lam, USCG: Fleet Week was held successfully with the help of partner agencies maintaining safety and security for the events including airshows and the Parade of Ships. DHS will be giving a report to the committee on New Year’s Eve fireworks show security. USCG Cyber Command will be giving a report on Cyber Protection Teams collaboration with AMSC partners. A USCG fire ship tabletop exercise will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The USCG is participating in the Cyber Storm 2022 national cybersecurity exercise being planned for spring, 2022. The exercise will focus on cyber-attacks against Industrial Control Systems.
- e. **Member Agency/Industry Reports - AMSC Membership**

CBP: Nothing to report.

Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: The November Harbor Safety Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, not on the usual Thursday which is Veteran’s Day.

Paul Martin, USCG: Nothing to report.

Joel Hudson, FBI: Nothing to report

Erik Swanberg, LLNL: Nothing to report.

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: Nothing to report.

City of Oakland: Nothing to report.

Keith Mathews, SFPD: Thanked all the agencies that participated in Fleet Week enforcement.

Rick Salsedo, Port of Stockton: Nothing to report.

Steve Longoria, Port of Redwood City: David Fisch is the port’s new Deputy Director.

Chris Gallop, Hornblower: Nothing to report.

Henry Russel, SSA: Nothing to report.

Catharine Hooper, Maritime Consultant: Noted the return of the cruise ship industry to San Francisco.

Nancy Navarro, Shell: Nothing to report.

David Connolly, Sailor's Union of the Pacific: Nothing to report.

David Trombino, LLNL Retired: Representing the Naval Post Graduate School at today's meeting.

Dave O'Neill, TraPac: Nothing to report.

Bill Aboudi, Oakland Maritime Support Services: Thirteen stolen containers were recovered by CTIP recently. Container theft is still an issue but has reduced. Increased staffing of the cargo theft taskforce is recommended to keep theft down.

Darron Epperson, Sacramento Co. Sheriff Office: Nothing to report.

San Francisco UASI: A Bay Area Preparedness Summit will be held on November 3-5, 2021. For information: [www.bayareauasi.org/2021summit](http://www.bayareauasi.org/2021summit)

**f. Work Group Reports:**

- a. PRND Subcommittee – Mr. David Trombino: Funding has been secured for a Bay Ferry field exercise planned for May 2022. The Naval Post Graduate School will be taking a large role in the exercise focusing on counter UAS. Letters of appreciation have been sent out following the successful Bay Guardian PRND exercise. Agency PRND participation has increased significantly.
- b. CYBER Subcommittee – Mr. Paul Martin: A subcommittee meeting was held on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The latest Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and is available on the HOMEPORT website. Information is provided on firewall deficiencies, security fixes, cybersecurity guidelines for ports and harbors, and on IMO cyber-risk guidelines. The USCG will be participating in Cyber Storm 2022 and a planning meeting will be held in December. The national exercise of record will feature a series cybersecurity scenarios including ICS breaches using ransomware and malware.

**g. General Reports:**

- a. Neptune Coalition Brief – LCDR Hernandez, Sector SF: Fleet Week enforcement was successful with over 40 agencies participating. Counter UAS capabilities were provided for the event but there were no major incidents. The next Neptune Coalition meeting is on January 5, 2022.
- b. Security Breach Report – MST1 Badger, Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. Reported incidents decreased this period although trespassing issues persist. Call the NRC to report incidents.
- c. SEAR 2 Presentation – Anthony Metcalf, DHS: New Year's Eve is categorized as a SEAR 2 event and the DHS will be involved to enhance security by partnering with local and state government and with industry. Jason Mendel, DHS Special Events, gave a report to the committee on Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) events. DHS have legal authority for protection of certain special events that are held. Classified NSSE events are run directly by the federal government, but SEAR events are held with federal support for analysis and risk assessment. SEAR events are categorized into five levels based on risk score. SEAR 1 events

require the highest level of security and include the Super Bowl, marathons, and other major events. SEAR 2 events include New Year's Eve, Marti Graw, and large concerts. SEAR 3, 4 and 5 are lesser events.

Applications for over 21,000 SEAR events have been submitted this year nationally. San Francisco's New Year's Eve is categorized as a SEAR 2 event. Venues include stadiums, buildings, open air, and open air moving (parades). Attack scenarios have been analyzed leading to a focus on threats including vehicle and small arm assaults. Risk assessment scoring is based on many factors including concentration of people in an area. For SEAR 2 events, a Federal Coordination Team is assigned for security support but does not interfere with local or state command. The focus is on holding a safe and secure event.

- Catharine Hooper asked about DHS security for Fleet Week. Jason Mendel advised that Fleet Week was a SEAR 3 event and did not have a Federal Coordination Team although DHS did provide support.

d. USCG Cyber Protection Teams Presentation – Capt. John Henry, USCG Cyber Command: USCG Cyber Protection Teams (CPT) partner with industry to provide assessment, response, and prevention of cyber-attacks. CPT provides services that scan systems for cybersecurity vulnerabilities. Assessments usually take about two weeks depending on the industry. Tools are also provided to help build resiliency to cyber-attacks. In case of a breach, CPT can help respond to minimize system damage. Ransomware is particularly prevalent. Report cyber-attacks to the NRC. Incident response is reactive and proactive preventative measures are superior. Improving the cybersecurity culture and building relationships with industry are priorities as is partner privacy. The USCG Maritime Cyber Readiness Branch (MCRB) is also involved with cybersecurity. The USCG shares information and works closely with other federal agencies including CISA and the FBI.

- Capt. Lam asked about cybersecurity best practices. Capt. Henry advised that NIST security guidelines have been released warning of the dangers posed by weak or shared passwords, lack of security updates and lack of encryption. Henry Russel asked about CFR updates. Capt. Henry advised that regulations are actively being addressed.

**h. Public Comment: None**

**i. Old Business: None**

**j. New Business: None**

**k. Closing Remarks from the COTP:** Capt. Lam thanked the DHS and USCG Cyber Command for their presentations and urged industry security participation.

**l. Next Meeting:** The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, January 18, 2022. The meeting will be held in person 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 11:22 AM.