

Northern California Area Maritime Security Committee
Meeting (unclassified) Minutes
Port of Oakland, Exposition Room
530 Water Street, Oakland CA
January 9, 2024

- 1. Opening Remarks** – Mr. Paul Martin, USCG: Called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM and welcomed the committee members in attendance.
- 2. Quorum Call** – Mr. Paul Martin: Confirmed the absence of a meeting quorum. All official business will be postponed.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes** – Mr. Scott Humphrey, Marine Exchange: The vote to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023, AMSC meeting will be held when a quorum is present.
- 4. Comments by the Chair** – Capt. Taylor Lam, USCG COTP: An incident involving protestors at the Port of Oakland took place in early November. There was a successful multi-agency response to the protest and the targeted vessel was able to depart safely. As global conflicts persist, communication and partnerships are essential to mitigate threats related to protest activity while ensuring First Amendment rights. The San Francisco Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit was held successfully in November. New Year's Eve fireworks, a SEAR event, was safe and secure. The Port of Oakland reported a recent cyber-attack. Appropriate action was taken and there was no significant damage to port infrastructure. Cybersecurity vigilance is recommended and USCG Cybersecurity Protection Teams are available to assist. An AMSC Work Group will be formed to complete the five-year review of the Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP). A USCG port security assessment is expected in April. USCG Sector San Francisco Change of Command will take place this summer and Capt. Jordan Balduenza will be taking over as Commander and COTP.

5. Member Agency/Industry Reports - AMSC Membership

Jessica Feil, City of Oakland: New emergency management staff members have been hired. An after-action report is being finalized for a cybersecurity incident that occurred in February 2023.

US Customs and Border Protection (CBP): CBP is hiring, and applications are welcome.

Henry Russell, SSA: Security issues related to homeless people have improved. Cybersecurity and IT issues are being addressed.

Paul Martin, USCG: The 2024 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) timeline has not been released yet. It is recommended that organizations start developing their grant proposals. Information is available at: www.grants.gov. The 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity is expected to be similar to last year's. Follow all PSGP regulations. Paul Martin is planning to retire in May 2024 after forty-nine years of USCG service.

Scott Humphrey, SF Marine Exchange: Maritime outreach continues to be a priority and a regional orientation program is being developed. The SF Marine Exchange is installing an AIS receiver at Humboldt Bay with plans to add AIS transceivers in the future. Humboldt Bay is a critical cargo route and receives regular oil barge traffic. Navigational safety in the region is a priority.

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: The recent cyber-attack targeted the port's sanitary sewer system. The system is not critical and affected lift stations can be operated manually. Anti-Israeli activists hacked remote modems. USCG Cyber Protection Teams assisted the port's response and are highly recommended to other agencies. Security upgrades have been made. Continued protest action is expected and being monitored.

Kevin Krick, Matson Navigation: There are security concerns over increased protest activity at the Port of Oakland following the Cape Orlando incident. NMSAC is meeting February 5-7 with business including an active shooter subcommittee and NVIC 03-03 Change 2 updates.

Andrea Tenner, San Francisco Dept. of Health: An SF State full-scale mass casualty exercise is planned on April 25th. Participants and observers are welcome to attend. Contact: andrea.tenner@sfdph.org. There is interest in hospital participation in the next Bay Ferry exercise and further inter-agency engagement concerning biosecurity.

Brandon Chapman, Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District: Post Bay Ferry VI exercises are ongoing. Full-scale terminal exercises will take place on March 12th, 26th, and 28th. The Golden Gate Bridge suicide barrier is complete and has led to a sixty percent reduction in suicides. A ferry terminal security breach was reported recently involving a disturbed individual.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: A USCG Sector San Francisco MTS recovery exercise will be held on March 19th. Maritime Domain Awareness is a priority. AIS coverage of the Humboldt Bay region will enhance navigational safety and emergency planning capabilities.

SFPD Marine Unit: Nothing to report.

Bill Aboudi, Oakland Maritime Support Services: The Freight Intelligent Transportation System (FITS) is operational at the Port of Oakland and should increase trucking efficiency. Regulations mandating zero emissions are a challenge to the trucking industry. Continued protests related to the Gaza conflict are expected.

Erik Swanberg, LLNL: Nothing to report.

Joe Bulat, Radius Recycling: Nothing to report.

Rick Salsedo, Port of Stockton: Nothing to report.

Gregory Bosworth, Chevron Shipping: Nothing to report.

Bruce Murley, CBP Port Director: Introduced new CBP leadership team personnel.

6. Subcommittee Reports:

- a. PRND Subcommittee – Nothing to report.
- b. CYBER Subcommittee – Mr. Fred Ellison, USCG: The subcommittee met recently. The latest Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and is available on the HOMEPORTR website. Cyber hygiene practices including two factor authentication and routine backups are essential for agencies. Cyber-risk assessments are a priority in 2024 to enhance cybersecurity planning and preparedness.
- c. Neptune Coalition Brief – LCDR David Herndon, Sector SF: APEC was held successfully in San Francisco and was the first National Special Security Event ever held in the Bay Area. Multi-agency security was coordinated. New Year's Eve fireworks was a successful SEAR-2 rated event featuring enhanced security including counter UAS and explosives detection. The next Neptune Coalition meeting is on January 24th.

- d. Security Breach Report – Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. A cybersecurity breach was reported but mostly routine incidents.

7. General Reports:

- a. 2024 AMSP Review – Mr. Paul Martin: The five-year Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP) review is upcoming. UAS issues will be considered. A Work Group will be formed to complete the update. Maritime Security Risk Analysis Model data will be included. The US Navy's Interagency Underwater Port Assessment (IUPA) update will be used to inform the AMSP update. The USCG is conducting a port risk assessment in April. Regional facilities will be chosen to participate in the risk assessment and volunteers are welcome.

8. Public Comment:

- Scott Humphrey asked for an update on the Oakland Estuary crime issue. Capt. Lam advised that the USCG is working with Oakland PD and local agencies to combat the problem. Derelict vessels were removed, and the situation is improving. The USCG advised that there is increased ferry terminal security and reports of homeless related incidents have decreased.

9. Old Business:

- Henry Russell advised that NMSAC is updating NVIC 03-03 Change 2 and AMSC input is welcome. Active shooter and UAS issues are also being considered. The Maritime Security East conference will be held on February 5-7.

10. New Business: None

11. Closing Remarks from the COTP: Capt. Lam thanked all in attendance. Threat vectors continue to evolve including UAS and cybersecurity. Security of submarine cables and pipelines is of critical concern. The growth of offshore wind and green energy use presents security challenges requiring diverse management perspectives.

12. Next Meeting: The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, April 9, 2024. The meeting will be held at the Port of Oakland, Exposition Room, 530 Water Street, Oakland, CA.

13. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM.