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**Minutes of the Sixtieth meeting of the
Central California Area Maritime Security Committee (CCAMSC)
August 1, 2018 (9:30-1130 a.m.)
Port of Los Angeles Building**

CCAMSC members:

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| CAPT Monica Rochester | Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC), Chairman |
| Mr. Patrick Grandy | ASAC, FBI, Vice-Chair |
| Deputy Chief Alex Avila | Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) |
| Ms. LaFonda Sutton-Burke | Port Director, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (Represented by alternate) |
| Ms. Kristin Decas | Port of Hueneme Port Security Committee (Not present) |
| Mr. Myrl "Wes" Demory | Passenger Vessel Industry Representative |
| Assist. Chief Xavier Espino | Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD) |
| Chief Tom Gazsi | Port of Los Angeles (POLA) (Represented by alternate) |
| Mr. Chris Hogan | CCAMSC Executive Secretary (USCG) |
| Capt. Tariq Johnson | California Highway Patrol (CHP) (Represented by alternate) |
| CAPT Kip Louttit | Executive Director, Marine Exchange |
| LCDR Richard Mach | CCAMSC Executive Coordinator (USCG) |
| Capt. Robert McCaughey | Liquid Bulk Industry Representative (Represented by alternate) |
| (Vacant) | Transportation Security Administration (TSA) (Not present) |
| Mr. Edward Owens | DSAC, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (Represented by alternate) |
| (Vacant) | Port of Long Beach (POLB) (Represented by alternate) |
| Mr. Mark Pazin | Chief, Law Enforcement Branch, CA Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) |
| Mr. Eric Shen | US DOT Maritime Administration (MARAD) (Not present) |
| Ms. Kathleen Staunton | District Director for Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (Not present) |
| Chief John Stedman | Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) |
| Captain John Strong | LA-LB Harbor Safety Committee (HSC) (Represented by alternate) |
| Deputy Chief Phil Tingirides | Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) (Represented by alternate) |
| Deputy Chief R. Villanueva | Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) |
| Mr. Chris Viramontes | Organized Labor Representative |
| Mr. Bill Walker | Facility Security Officers (FSO) Subcommittee |

1. Introduction:

CAPT Monica Rochester called to order the sixtieth meeting of the Central California Area Maritime Security Committee (CCAMSC) at 9:37 a.m. The following is the order of business as presented to the CCAMSC.

2. Administration: NSTR.

3. Minutes:

CAPT Rochester requested a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 2, 2018. Ms. Jill Taylor made motion, Mr. Pat Grandy seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Old Business:

- A. Lessons learned from Everport suspicious package incident – LCDR Jack Smith, USCG. LCDR Smith advised the incident occurred about the M/V EVER SMART on April 25, 2018 while moored at Everport. Longshore workers reported a package strapped to a container. The container held a toxic explosive chemical which required a 1000 yard safety zone. As a result, the navigable channel was closed. It was learned that the package was a box of specialized tools kept with the refrigerated container. The LAPD bomb squad responded and x-rayed the tool box and confirmed that it did indeed contain tools.

- B. Portwide Anti-Sniper Initiative – Mr. Chris Hogan, USCG. Mr. Hogan updated the Committee on the second and final site visit on June 18th to Everport. This effort seeks to prevent a sniper from gaining the advantage of a perch position above mass gatherings such as cruise ship and ferry terminals, and in this case, also the USS IOWA. Mr. Peter Hsia, the Facility Security Officer (FSO) at Everport hosted us. Attendees from the L.A. Port Police, LAPD, Mr. Octavio Sanchez, the Ports America FSO for the L.A. World Cruise Terminal, and Mr. Erik Bombard, FSO with Catalina Express participated. We initially met in a conference room and discussed access denial strategies, both at the access gates to the terminal and for the container cranes themselves. We then ascended a crane across the channel from the cruise terminal. This allowed FSO's from the cruise terminal and Catalina Express to see the proximity and angles involved. At the time of our visit, there was not a cruise ship present at the terminal, but if there had been, it would have brought a potential mass gathering target about 90 feet closer to the cranes. Additionally, LAPD SWAT members conducted optical range finding of the potential target sites from different angles on the crane. This concludes the formal portion of the Initiative, however, we will continue to use Bill Walker's FSO Subcommittee and the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) to encourage more robust gate arms at entrances, spring loaded spike strips at exit gates (the August 16, 2017 security breach was by the driver of a stolen vehicle which entered via an exit gate), and coded elevator ascension controls, among others.

- C. Port Protector 2018 exercise – Mr. Chris Hogan, USCG. The Exercise Design Team (EDT) last met on June 13 at the LAPP headquarters. We are looking at two field events, one in POLA and one in POLB with informational prompts to a Unified Command post. We were originally looking at holding the exercise in late September but we do not yet have fidelity on some of the details. As a result, we will look to move it back a month or so.

5. Subcommittee Chair Reports:

- A. Operations Subcommittee: Capt. Dan Cobos, LAPP, sat in for DC Phil Tingirides and advised they conducted underwater dive operations in July.
- B. Planning & Intelligence Subcommittee: Mr. Mark Porter sat in for DSAC Ed Owens, and advised DSAC Owens will soon transfer to New York.

Discussion: CAPT Rochester wished DSAC Owens well

- C. Logistics Subcommittee: Chief Stedman encouraged members to report new equipment to them for listing in the Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP). Regarding Fleet Week, two LASD boats will be stationed outside the port conducting radiological screening.
- D. Harbor Safety Committee (HSC): Capt. Mark Coynes sat in for Capt. John Strong and had NSTR.
- E. Port of Hueneme Port Security Committee (PSC): (Not present)
- F. Facility Security Officers (FSO) Subcommittee: Mr. Walker stated that FSO's were working on grant projects. The most recent cyber incident involving COSCO fortunately had no operational impact. The next Subcommittee meeting should take place in September.

Discussion: CAPT Rochester advised the USCG will conduct a hot-wash on the COSCO incident and share its results with members at the next meeting.

- G. Public Relations Subcommittee: LT Travis Thornell, USCG advised the USCG National Strike Force Coordination Center (NSFCC) conducted training for members on crisis communications. They will be staffing a Joint Information Center (JIC) for the Fleet Week activities.
- H. Portwide Stakeholders Strategic Planning Subcommittee (PWSSPS): Ms. Jill Taylor of the POLA provided the following report:

The FY2014 grant round awarded \$7.6 million to 16 different entities. 99% of funds have been drawn down and the performance period remains open for one grantee until October 28 of 2018.

The FY2015 grant round awarded \$10.2 million to 15 different entities. 63% has been drawn down. This is a five percent increase since the prior report. The performance period ends August 31, 2018. Three agencies have asked FEMA for an extension. The FY2016 grant round awarded \$8.46 million to 14 entities. 41% as been drawn down. This is a fourteen percent increase since the prior report. The performance period ends August 31, 2019.

For FY2017 the results were announced on September 1, 2017. The region received \$11.7 million for 11 entities. No funding has been drawn down.

For FY2018 Congress funded the program at \$100 million. The PWSSPS met on May 31 where members vetted and ranked the submitted projects. Projects were submitted to FEMA by June 21 and they are currently being reviewed by USCG and FEMA personnel in Washington, D.C. She anticipates the award announcements will be made on or about August 23, 2018.

- I. Marine Transportation System Recovery (MTSR) Subcommittee: LCDR Isaac Mahar, USCG, advised the Subcommittee had not met recently and had NSTR.
- J. Cyber Security Subcommittee: Mr. Chris Regan, USCG, discussed the July 24 COSCO cyber incident. The Subcommittee met the following day. It was noted that COSCO used Facebook and Twitter to release information since the company website was down and remains so. Member organizations took proactive steps to limit their on-line exposure to COSCO which included removing them from white-listed access lists, blocking e-mail connections, etc. It was noted that COSCO was not forthcoming with Indicators Of Compromise (IOC) data which would have helped their peers protect their systems. Also of note, LCDR Brandon Link of USCG Headquarters (CG-FAC) attended the meeting and addressed the USCG role in cyber incident reporting and response in the Maritime Transportation System (MTS). The USCG breach of security policy was discussed in the context of a cyber incident which impacts automated security architecture. Regulated entities should know their cyber systems and vulnerabilities and address them in their Vessel and Facility Security Plans (VSP/FSP). Mr. Robert Reeves, of the USCG Headquarters Office of Cyberspace Forces also attended and emphasized the necessity and importance of cyber threat information sharing. The next generation of antivirus software was reviewed. It will key off of behavioral indicators and patterns of use vice just signature analysis. This is a growing trend in the anti-malware industry. Importantly, he thanked all members for their participation and interest noting it was a Subcommittee member who provided early warning to the USCG about the COSCO cyber incident. The next meeting will be October 24, 2018.
- K. Executive Steering Committee Individual Member Reports:
 1. Labor Representative: Mr. Viramontes advised another death occurred, but in the port of Longview. A longshoreman was killed by a tagline as a vessel was shifting berth.
 2. Marine Exchange/Vessel Traffic Service: CAPT Louttit stated the ship count for January through July 2018 was 121 lower than last year. The decline took place in tankships and car carriers, but container ship port calls increased. The grant program

has allowed installation of a back-up system to their Automated Information System (AIS) software and the comments of Chris Regan are appreciated, as their cyber security grant funded enhancements are well underway.

3. Passenger Vessel Stakeholder: Mr. Demory advised Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) recently evaluated counter UAS technologies in London. The report he received was that the tests were less than successful. They will go back to the drawing board and try to hone their direction finding technology.
4. Liquid Bulk Industry Representative: Capt. Sean Marchant sat in for Capt. Rob McCaughey and had NSTR.
5. U.S. Customs & Border Protection: Mr. Don Kusser sat in for Ms. LaFonda Sutton-Burke and advised he will be transferring to the port director position at L.A. International Airport on Sunday. He thanked all members, particularly the LBPD dive team and Mr. Bill Walker.

Discussion: CAPT Rochester thanked Mr. Kusser for his partnership and wished him well in his new assignment.

6. Long Beach Police Department: DC Alex Avila reminded that during the many construction projects in the POLB, FSOs remind subcontractors to secure their work areas and equipment. In May a homeless individual stole a bulldozer from a site and drove it over to the HMS QUEEN MARY property. Fortunately, there was no damage to POLB property but the situation could have been a lot worse.
7. Long Beach Fire Department: AC Xavier Espino advised that beginning August 13 Fireboat 20 will be hauled out for one to three weeks and following the completion of those repairs, Fireboat 15 will then be dry-docked for about the same duration.
8. Los Angeles Fire Department: DC Ronnie Villanueva stated Fireboat 3 will be back in service soon and then Fireboat 2 will be in dry-dock for about six months, however, they will maintain coverage. A crane fire took place at berth 100 on July 6. They are reviewing the lessons learned and will be training on them to minimize the impact to business operations. His new assistant is AC Jaime Moore who has 26 years of service in arson investigation, community liaison, and public information as well as in field assignments.
9. California Maritime Security Council (CMSC)/California OES: Mr. Pazin advised the fires in northern California have stressed resources and many people there are displaced. The American Red Cross and others have been brought to bear. The State Operations Center has been stood up. This Sunday, there is a protest planned in Berkeley which could have statewide implications; they will be monitoring it.
10. California Highway Patrol: Lt. Cochran advised Capt. Johnson was unable to attend and had NSTR.

11. Maritime Administration: (Not present)
12. Transportation Security Administration: (Not present)
13. District Director for Congressman Dana Rohrabacher: (Not present)
14. Port of Los Angeles: Ms. Taylor sat in for Chief Gazsi and provided an update on regulatory actions relating to the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). The House and Senate passed the TWIC accountability Act of 2018 on July 26. The bill prohibits the USCG from implementing the TWIC reader regulations requiring the use of biometric readers which were set to go into effect on August 23, 2018. The Bill is now on the President's desk; it remains to be seen if it will be signed into law. Additionally the RAND Corporation is conducting a national study for DHS on the impact of TWIC in U.S. ports, what risks are reduced and what impact it has. The report is due to DHS in April 2019. If anyone would like to contribute their comments to RAND, contact her and she will put you in touch with them. *(Executive Secretary note: On August 2, 2018, the President of the United States signed into law the Transportation Worker Identification Credential Accountability Act of 2018 (HR.5729). According to USCG Headquarters (CG-FAC-2) this prohibits the USCG from implementing the rule requiring electronic inspections of Transportation Worker Identification Credentials until after the Department of Homeland Security has submitted a report to the Congress).*

Fleet Week preparations and coordination meetings continue. DC Mike Graychik will be retiring after 36 years of service. His retirement party will be at 5:30 p.m. on September 14th aboard the USS IOWA.

15. Port of Long Beach: Mr. Casey Hehr represented the agency. The POLB has a permitting process for Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). They see a continuing increase in applications to fly.
16. Federal Bureau of Investigation: ASAC Grandy advised they are also contributing to Fleet Week.
17. United States Coast Guard: CAPT Rochester thanked all members involved in the Fleet Week planning process for their contributions and cooperation. She also highlighted the June 2018 update to the Area Maritime Security Assessment (AMSA) and Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP). Additionally, she thanked Jill Taylor for facilitating the PSGP process via her leadership of the PWSSPS.

6. Presentations

- A. Interagency Underwater Port Assessment (IUPA) – Mr. Marvin Heinz, U.S. Navy SMWDC: This is a collaborative USN-USCG initiative to more rapidly get the Navy here in the event of a threat or incident involving sea mines or sophisticated Underwater Improvised Explosive Devices (UWIEDs) beyond the capability of local dive and bomb

squads. The IUPA involves the Navy learning what capabilities exist in various ports and what support services this port complex could provide. Two personnel will be in the area in the coming weeks to begin data collection.

7. New Business:

- A. Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) landing on USCG Cutter – LCDR Jack Smith, USCG:
An incident took place where a camera equipped DGI quadcopter UAS landed on one of our coastal patrol boats on Friday the 13th of July. The UAS was seized and the operator identified. He claimed the UAS was running out of power over water so he landed it on the first platform he saw. A review of the UAS footage did not reveal anything sensitive. The operator had failed to register the UAS and is facing fines of up to \$33,000.

8. Public Comments: NSTR.

9. Next Meeting:

November 7, 2018, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Port of Long Beach Bldg., 4801 Airport Plaza in Long Beach.

Discussion: CAPT Rochester added her new Deputy Commander is on board, but was unable to attend today. Her name is CAPT Rebecca Ore, who looks forward to continuing to meet members as opportunities occur. CAPT Ore arrived following a post-graduate think tank tour at Stanford University.

10. Adjournment:

CAPT Rochester requested a motion and second. Chief Stedman made motion; Mr. Grandy seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

11. Action Items: NSTR.