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All Aboard: Port of Hueneme's Security Training 'Sets Sail' for Safety

The Port of Hueneme operations team hosts a training exercise with 37 attendees from multiple agencies as part of an effort to enhance Port security operations

[PORT HUENEME, CA] — The Port of Hueneme's operations team joined by other Port staff, Port tenants, vessels, labor, Port partners, Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC), and numerous public safety agencies led a training at the Port this Monday to evaluate the impact that a Maritime Security (MARSEC) level increase would have on the Port's operations, placing an emphasis on safety, security and community partnerships. This year's training focused on the Port's ability to react to a proposed threat to cargo. The training was conducted over a morning and afternoon session.



Security Training Session Hosted at the Port of Hueneme

The morning session consisted of a live exercise centered around the Port's ability to come into operational compliance in the event of an increased MARSEC level. The training demonstrated how this goal would be feasible and covered scenarios involving operational ability with different levels of staffing, testing communication methods and managing potential press inquiries. The afternoon session consisted of a tabletop discussion with port operators and regional partners focusing on both their roles and responsibilities in the event of an increased security posture and the impact of resource availability.

“There are many people with subject matter expertise but no one person knows everything. By bringing people together we become stronger through collaboration that allows for the discovery of ideas that one person would not be able to identify. Teamwork and partnership are critical in preparing for operational challenges and I am thankful for regional support, internal operators, executive leadership, and port staff for their commitment towards the safe and efficient operation of the Port”. said the Port of Hueneme Operations Manager Mike Morrison.



Law enforcement presence is an integral part of the Port of Hueneme's front gate security efforts during an emergency.

About “Coastal Trident” – “Coastal Trident” is the Port’s annual security exercise that has been conducted since 2007. The training is a part of the Port’s Facilities Security Plan required by the US Coast Guard and is intended to deter Transportation Security Incidents and ensure safety and security. The exercise builds upon quarterly drills and other training endeavors that happen throughout the year.

About the Port of Hueneme: *The Port of Hueneme is one of the most productive and efficient commercial trade gateways for niche cargo on the West Coast. Five locally elected Port Commissioners govern the Port. The Port consistently ranks among the top ten U.S. Ports for automobiles and fresh produce. Port operations support the community by bringing \$2.8 billion in economic activity and creating 24,997 trade-related jobs. Trade through the Port of Hueneme generates more than \$236 million in direct and related state and local taxes, which fund vital community services. In 2017, the Port of Hueneme became the first Port in California to become Green Marine certified and was voted the Greenest Port in the U.S. at the Green Shipping Summit.*