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Anchored by Safety: Port of Hueneme Holds Maritime Security and Emergency Response Exercise

Operations personnel host training event with 62 attendees from multiple organizations and agencies as part of an effort to enhance port security

[PORT HUENEME, CA] – Port tenants, staff, partners, vessel crews, and members of numerous public safety and emergency response agencies gathered at the Port of Hueneme earlier this week 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.

The training, known as Coastal Trident, opened with presentations on response and recovery issues following large-scale emergency incidents. An afternoon tabletop exercise helped participants explore how a similar incident could unfold at the Port of Hueneme and focused on unified command roles and the complex decision-making process in a dynamic logistics ecosystem.



Port of Hueneme CEO Kristin Decas welcomes participants to the 2026 Coastal Trident training

“Our region has great subject matter experts, and we need to ensure we harness that expertise and funnel all information during an emergency,” said Port of Hueneme Director of Operations Mike Morrison. “Today’s exercise strengthened our communication and collaboration so we will be best prepared to respond if and when the unexpected occurs. I’m grateful to port staff and leadership for prioritizing safe and efficient operations, and I’m thankful to the internal operators and many partners who took part in our annual Coastal Trident exercise.”



Michael Goldschmidt, Assistant Dir. of Security – Port of Long Beach, leads a case study on incident response

The California Office of Emergency Services, Customs and Border Protections, ILWU Local 46, Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme Police Department, Ventura County Fire Department, the Naval Surface Warfare Center Port Hueneme, and the US Coast Guard joined other invited agencies to hear presentations from Michael Goldschmidt (Assistant Director of Security, Port of Long Beach), George Cummings (Director of Homeland Security, Los Angeles Port Police), and John Albrough (Emergency Manager / Port Recovery Specialist, United States Coast Guard, LA / Long Beach). Coastal Trident exercises are held every June at the Port of Hueneme.

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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.*