# COAST GUARD SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO

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#### Background



3 Successful security
 breaches by Matthew Gaines in
 less than 6 months:
 Oakland to LA
 Oakland to Japan
 Oakland to China



Issue highlighted Access Control vulnerabilities

Regulations require 2 pronged approach:

 Valid Government Issued ID
 Business purpose on the facility or vessel

➢ IDs were being checked but not compared to any access list.

Situation was unacceptable to the Coast Guard.



#### **Vessel Solutions**



COTP chartered an Area Maritime Committee Work Group to address the Facility to vessel interface. Vessel Gangway Security

- Shore based workers must use a PMA photo ID
- Walking bosses generate a list of who's working
- Vessel checks PMA numbers against the list
- Vessel must ensure everyone departs who checked in

These are minimal. Vessels can set higher standards IAW their Vessel Security plan

Facilities issued COTP Order to incorporate this process into FSP

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#### **Facility Solutions**



COTP chartered an Area Maritime Security Committee Work Group to address the access to the facility.



- Facility Access
  - Visitors
  - Vendors
  - Truckers
  - Facility Employees
  - Longshoremen
     Given 3 options

Biggest hurdle remains longshoremen & truckers.

Union bought into approach. Minor technological problems with data base expected to be fixed.

Anticipate mid-September implementation at most terminals.

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### The Way Ahead... Local Initiatives



COTP considers all outlined solutions as "short term." Long term solutions include:

- TWIC
- New dispatch process
- New technology



Homeland Security The Coast Guard reps continue to meet with Union & PMA leadership to facilitate process.

Vessel gangway program is in place

USCG monitors/spot checks
Over 180 spot checks to date

 Oakland Facilities incorporated this process into FSPs
 Subject to increased USCG inspections
 Strong USCG stance against security breaches



### The Way Ahead... Port Worker Interim Screening



Program published in
 Federal Register April 06
 Uses authorities contained in 33 CFR Part 125.
 Interim until TWIC program fully implemented.



Facilities and Unions provided lists of port workers to TSA.

TSA screens names against terror watch lists and immigration databases.

 Provides names of workers with background check issues

 After 30 days terminals may assume personnel passed screening.

Facilities must routinely provide updated lists to TSA.

Coast Guard personnel spot check facilities for compliance.

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## The Way Ahead... TWIC



Transportation Worker Identification Credential:

- NPRM published 22 May 06
- Rules broken into 2 parts:
   Cards due late Fall 2006
   Readers pending
  - separate rulemaking



Homeland Security  Biometric Identification Card.
 Designed to be multimodal transportation credential.

 Issuance based on security threat assessment by TSA
 Criminal History Check
 Legal status Check
 Intel/Terrorism Check
 Includes appeal process

#### Initially required for:

- Unescorted access to secure facilities
- Unescorted access to regulated vessels
- USCG credentialed mariners

Card Reader technology still being developed

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- •Vessels
- •Waterways users
- Transportation Workers
- Government Officials

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