

Mission Statement

Our mission is to ensure the safety, port security, law enforcement, and environmental protection of Sector Hampton Roads area of responsibility. Accomplish this through enforcement of marine safety, search and rescue, maritime law enforcement, and response to environmental and terrorist threats, through superior readiness, external agency coordination, and public education.

Sector HR & COTP Zone



Family of Plans / Exercises / Collaboration

- AMS Plan

- PREP Exercises w/port partners
- Area Contingency Plan for all hazards Annual AMSTEP Exercise

- Heavy Weather/Hurricane Plan
- Homeport
- Interaction w/ Port Readiness community during MOL operations
- Port Security Grant Program
- MSRAM validation
- Recreational Vessel Sub committee reaches out to entire Commonwealth via the Americas Waterway Watch Prog (represents the boating community...canoe, Personal Watercraft, general recreational boating & manufacturers).

Sector Commander's Authorities

Commander, Sector Hampton Roads is assigned certain regulatory titles and serves as chairman of various port coordinating committees. In addition to being the Sector Commander, other titles include:

- Captain of the Port (COTP)
- Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI)
- Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC)
- Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC)
- Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator (SMC)

Captain Of The Port (COTP)

Responsible for the administration and enforcement of port safety and security and marine environmental protection regulations, including (without limitations) regulations for the protection and security of vessels, harbors, and waterfront facilities; anchorages; security zones; regulated navigation areas; deepwater ports; water pollution; and ports and waterway safety.



Disruption of the maritime transportation system would have rippling affects throughout the state and the eastern seaboard.

Local Port Security Challenges

- Numerous commercial and Military Shipyards to include Newport News Shipbuilding and Norfolk Naval Shipyard and Northrop Grumman.
- Oil Refineries and Chemical Plants.
- Power Plants.....both conventional and nuclear.
- 57 commercial facilities regulated under the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA) including one Liquefied Propane Gas facility and one projected Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility on the drawing boards. Numerous LNG vessels transit through Sector Hampton Roads on their way to Baltimore (Cove Point).
- Several Major Bridges/Tunnels and other critical infrastructure
- Major fuel pipelines.

Pushing Our Borders Out





Officer in Charge of Maritime Inspections (OCMI)

Administer the Coast Guard's marine safety "field" activities. Inspection of vessels to determine that they comply w/ applicable laws, rules and regulations relating to safe construction, equipment, manning and operation and that they are in a seaworthy condition for the services in which they are operated. Execute marine casualty and accident investigation, and initiation of actions in the event of misconduct, negligence or incompetence of merchant marine officers or seaman







Federal On-Scene Coordinator

Responsible for the coordination of all Federal activities on scene of an Oil / Hazardous Substance spill in the maritime environment. As well as the maintenance and exercising of the National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan and Regional Area Contingency Plan.

Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC)

(Described in 33CFR part3) and added as a responsibility as a result of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (2002). Responsible for establishing, convening, and directing the Virginia Area Maritime Security (AMS) Committee, and the Virginia AMS Plan. Chair the AMS Committee with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (Special Agent in Charge)

Port Challenges









Area Maritime Security Committee



- Mandated by MTSA
- All major Port Partners engaged and involved
- Composed of members having an interest in the security of the area
- Collaboration is the key

Search Mission Coordinator

Responsible for Maritime Search and Rescue operations for federal waterways and out to 200 nautical miles.





Transportation Worker Identification Credentials (TWIC)

The TWIC is a tamper resistant biometric identification card system – contains biometric information including digital photographs, and fingerprints.







- It is intended to be used for all modes of transportation.
- The TWIC will be required by all individuals requiring unescorted access to secure areas and all merchant mariners.

Who will be affected by these new regulations?

- All MTSA regulated Facilities/Vessels.
- All USCG credentialed merchant mariners.
- All personnel seeking access to MTSA regulated Facilities/Vessels.



Questions?

