



# Cruise Security in the Port of San Diego

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# Cruise Overview

- The Port of San Diego is a public agency, established in 1962 by the State of California.
- A unique, multi-use niche port.
  - Economic activity within the Port supports 57,000 jobs, excluding military activity.
  - Maritime vessel and cargo activity directly support 11,000 jobs, and are responsible for a \$1.6 billion in economic impact to the San Diego region.
- The Port's maritime facilities include two cargo terminals and two Cruise Ship Terminals.
- Designated as one of seventeen "Strategic Ports" because of its location, deep-water berths, and proximity to highway and rail systems.

# Overview Continued

- The Port of San Diego's cruise business is an essential component of the tourism industry. Every time a ship docks here, the region benefits economically.
- San Diego is California's No. 3 busiest cruise port behind Long Beach and Los Angeles.
- Cruise business is impactful to the region.
  - A homeported cruise generates an estimated \$2 million dollar economic impact.
  - A port-of-call yields an average of \$317,000 in passenger and crew spending at local restaurants, shops and attractions.



# Cruise Overview

## Two Cruise Ship Terminals

- B. Street Pier
- Broadway Pavilion

**FY 2016/2017**

**90 Cruise Ship Calls**

**250,000 Passengers**



# Facility Security

- MTSA Regulated Facility
- Full Time Facility Security Officer
- 24 Hour On Site Maritime Operations Security
- Part time security staff during cruise operations
  - 2 Armed Security Guards
  - 30-50 Unarmed Security Guards
  - 2-6 Traffic Control Officers (HPD)

# Maritime Security Issues

- Security Breaches
  - Terminals Located in high foot traffic areas
- Proscribed Items (Weapons, narcotics)
  - High risk charter cruises screened for illegal drugs
  - Industry history of drugs or weapons introduced to vessels via mail or crew members
- Waterside Security Responsibilities
  - Harbor Police Escort for all Cruise Ships
  - Joint Operations between USCG and Harbor Police
- Crime
  - Large population of homeless
  - Proximity to international border
    - Human Trafficking
    - Organized Crime
    - Drug Trade



# Waterside Vulnerability

- Adjacent to channel
- High daily volume of traffic
- Vulnerable to waterside approach from civilian vessel traffic



# Harbor Police Capabilities

Maritime Tactical  
Team



High-Speed Police  
Interdiction



Joint Operations with  
USCG, HSI, CBP





# 3 Call Day





# B Street Cruise Ship Terminal





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SECURITY**

**CRIME  
PREVENTION**

**QUALITY  
OF LIFE**

# Questions?

