

Rio Grande Valley Regional Security Program

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Problem Identification

- Border Nexus
- Disparate public and private security programs
- Minimal security and Command and Control infrastructure
- Lack of regional vision
- Lack of cooperative venue

Rio Grande Valley Regional Security Concept

- Cooperative effort to improve general maritime prevention and response capabilities within the region
- Includes a majority of public and private stakeholders in the region
- Uniform approach based on assessment and analysis.

Vision

- Enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness
- Enhancing Prevention, protection, response, and recovery capabilities
- Cooperative training and exercise development
- Support implementation of TWIC
- Provide a venue in support of the national preparedness structure

Cooperative organization

- Formed a regional security cooperative
- Regional area is the Rio Grande Valley
- Port of Brownsville is the provider of layered security (in cooperation with the Port of Port Isabel and Port of Harlingen)
- Port, transportation, and maritime facilities are participants
- Texas Parks and Recreation and other public service organizations are either providing response resources or interoperability

Participants

- Port of Brownsville
- Port of Harlingen
- Port Isabel
- Brownsville Rio Grande RR
- CITGO
- TransMontaigne
- KeppelAmfels Yard
- RTW/Deep South TX
- Texas Department of Parks and Recreation
- Cameron County Sherriff
- City of Brownsville
- City of Port Isabel
- Brownsville PUB
- Texas Dept of PS

2008 Additional Participants

- Port Mansfield
- City of Port Isabel
- Port Isabel
Logistics Offshore
Terminal (PILOT)
- Texas Department
of Transportation
- Port of San Antonio

Projects

- Maritime Domain Awareness – C3I improvements, including surveillance and response.
- Regional risk assessment, exercises, and training.
- Community awareness/public affairs program – formation of maritime neighborhood watch concept.
- TWIC program implementation – includes implementation procedures, training, and hardware.

Cooperative team expectations

- Participation
- Input to the grant application process
- Access to facilities for concept development
- Cooperation on implementation of approved grant with oversight from POB
- Matching funds for work accomplished on facility/port or for facility/port personnel.

Goals

- Develop area wide concept. Goal is strategic but focus is on immediate results
- Create a iterative, systemic, cost effective and function based programmed security improvement program
- Identify costs and benefits for partners
- Identify specific regional mitigations
- Create a “one regional” concept that can be used as a universal preparedness, prevention, response and recovery tool.
- Build a foundation for anticipated growth in the region.

Project themes

- Cooperative public-private partnership (P3)
- Area wide surveillance and communication system
- Redundant command and control facilities for use during security incidents and other disaster recovery efforts
- Regional cooperation to increase MDA and reduce risk
- COST EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS!!!!

Questions

Thank You!