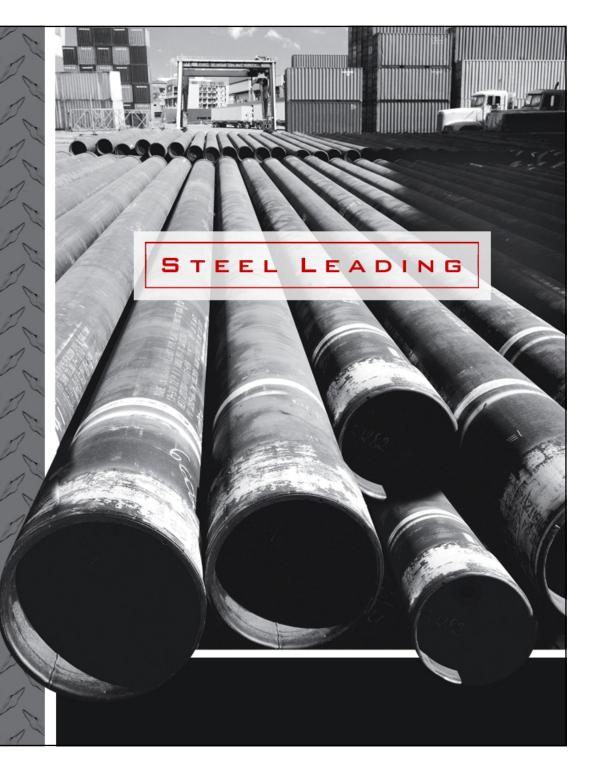


Seaport Security & Law Enforcement

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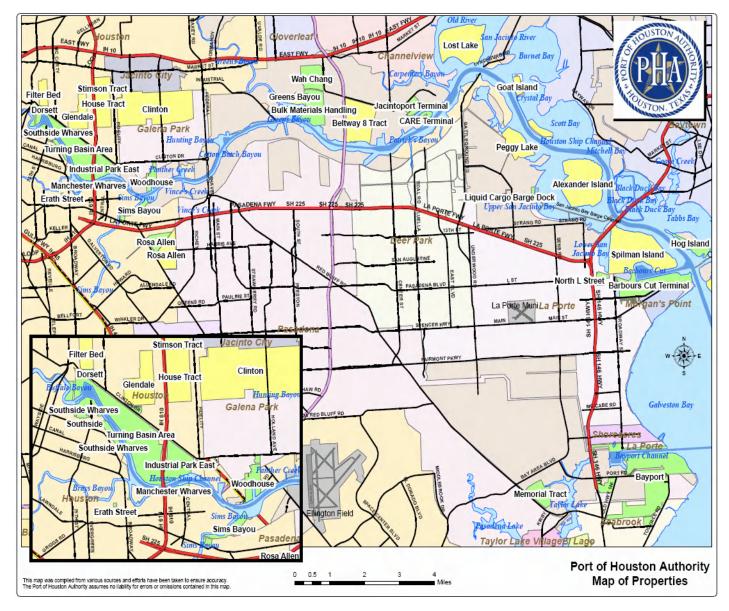
Port of Houston Overview

- •1st in U.S foreign tonnage
- 2nd in total tonnage
- •222 million tons handled
- •More than 7,700 vessel calls
- •150 public/private terminals
- •7,057 ships annually
- •150, 000 barges















The Risks

- 53 mile long ship channel
- 2nd largest petrochemical complex in the world
- Large population in close proximity
- Tropical weather







The History

Texas Water Code, Title IV, Chapter 49.216 -

'A district may contract for or employ its own peace officers with power to make arrests when necessary to prevent or abate the commission of:'

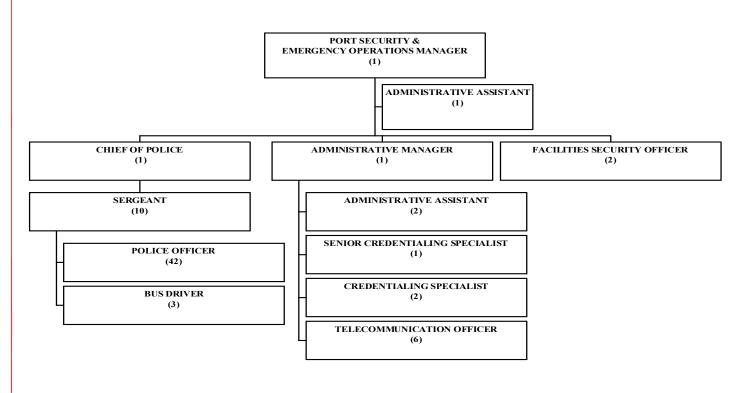
- Personnel initially security officers
- To remain armed, requirement of being peace officer
- Existing personnel sent to LE academy







PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART PORT SECURITY & EMERGENCY OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT









JUNE 1, 2008 TOTAL STAFF: 72

The Mission

- Prevent loss or harm from threats to health, welfare, and assets
- Monitor, evaluate and implement programs for continued security improvement
- Be proactive in emergency response planning to ensure operational recovery
- Maximize port security while expediting the flow of commerce







Responsibilities

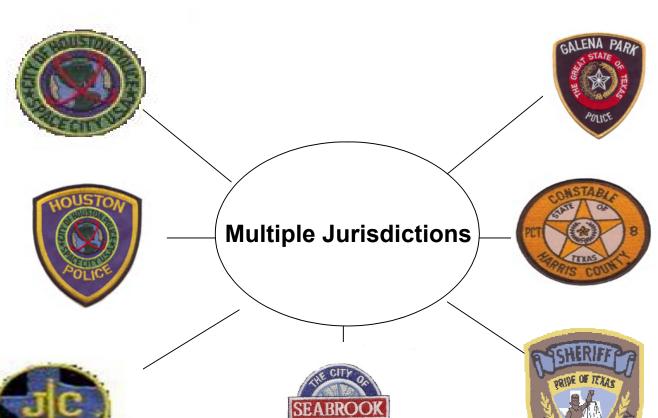
- Enforcement of MTSA regulations and state statutes at PHA-owned facilities located along Houston Ship Channel
- Operate a 24/7 police, security and marine fire dispatch center
- Responsible for the activation, manning, maintenance of Port Coordination Center
- Mobile Command Center







Local Challenges







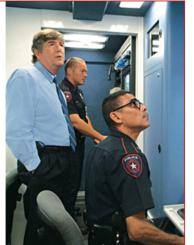


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Federal Challenges









Multiple Jurisdictions











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Overall Challenges



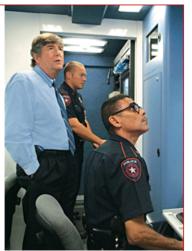
• Certification – keeping current



• MTSA - expanding knowledge



•Compensation – staying competitive







Port of Houston Authority

What Lies Ahead?

- Regional initiatives
 - ➤ Houston Ship Channel Security
 District
 - ➤ Regional fusion centers all hazards awareness
- A greater role in maritime security
- Expanding government compliance
- More grant money for first responder initiatives







