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.
• 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
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HOMELAND SECURITY

CRIME PREVENTION

QUALITY OF LIFE
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