HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL
SECURITY DISTRICT

PARTNERS
Houston Ship Channel Security District
Overview
Why its needed

- Vital supply chain
- Increased layer of security
- Water and landside protection
- Recover & restore operations
How it's managed

- Eleven member board
- Eight members will come from industry
- One Harris County representative
- One Harris County Mayors and Councils Association
- One Port of Houston Authority
How it Looks
Who is in the district

• East Harris County Manufacturers Association facilities
• Facilities subject to maritime transportation security plan
• Facilities excluded by legislation are utilities, residential and most retail and service businesses
How the district is formed

• District members receive petition
• Petition includes:
  – complete district boundaries & description
  – individual company assessment
  – individual company HCAD properties
  – letter from leaders asking approval of endorsed plan and assessments
  – copy of state legislation
• District members approve petition
• Commissioners Court approves district
• District members elect board
The district’s benefits

- Improves security and safety
- Improves preparedness & response
- Adds proven security technology
- Adds dedicated equipment, personnel
- Improves command & control processes
- Deters terrorism, as well as theft, security, and safety threats
- Aides recovery & resumption of trade
Layered Protection

- Harris County Sheriff’s Department
- METRO
- Port of Houston Authority
- TranStar
- TxDOT
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Washburn Tunnel
FY 05 - $17,016,895 (no match) – Establishing the Baseline System

- Cameras, Radar, Wireless Network
- Command and Control Center (integrated analytics and intelligent video software)
- Patrol Boats, Underwater Swimmer Detection sets, IED defeat interrogation systems
Funding: Capital Costs

**FY 06** - $9,145,907 ($2,286,476 local match)

*Local Function & Interoperability*

- Patrol Vehicles (trucks, SUVs, and automobiles)
- Additional Cameras, Fiber, and Sensor Packages
- Fusion Network Capability
- Enhanced Harris County Radio System
Funding: Capital Costs

**FY 07** - $6,749,282 ($1,687,320 local match) – Expand to Surrounding EOCs/Ports

- Video Conferencing & data sharing w/ Regional Partners
- 4-wheeled all-terrain vehicles for pursuit, capture, & mitigation
- Fusion Networking Capability
- License Plate Recognition/Mobile Radiation Detection Capability
Who is involved

• City of Houston
• Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
• Houston Ship Channel Security Council
• METRO
• TranStar
• United States Coast Guard
• University of Houston