FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER
CHARLESTON MARITIME TRAINING BRANCH

* COMMERCIAL VESSEL BOARDING TRAINING PROGRAM *

* SEAPORT SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM TRAINING PROGRAM *
The CVBTP was developed in 2006 as a:

- 4 1/2 day program providing extensive hands-on training in the boarding and searching of High Interest Vessels (HIV).
Students receive instruction on the techniques necessary to safely board a large commercial vessel, conduct interviews, search compartments, identify void areas and confined spaces while utilizing the latest technological sensing and detection equipment.
The emphasis of this comprehensive training program is the safe and proper use of equipment and operational disciplines and skills customary in the maritime environment.

Prior to the actual boarding, students conduct boarding exercises on various static boat platforms.

During the Practical Exercise phase, students conduct an Underway “HIV” Boarding and search of a 65' vessel. Students also conduct an “HIV” waterside boarding and/or pier side boarding of a FLETC 494' break-bulk freighter.
This program is designed for Military, Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Officers, and Port Authority Personnel who board and search commercial vessels.
CVBTP Program Content:

- Dangerous Cargo Overview
- Operational Hazards and Safety Awareness
- Commercial Vessel Familiarization
- Maritime Document Identification, Passports & Visas
- Vessel Site Visit-Commercial Vessel Familiarization (Pilot’s Ladder Climb)
- Pre-Boarding Procedures
- Boarding Procedures
CVBTP Program content:

- Boarding Procedures Lab (Static Boat Platforms)
- Commercial Vessel Search Techniques
- Commercial Vessel Tactical Entry Techniques
- Commercial Vessel Tactical Entry Techniques Lab
- Officer Survival Afloat (Swimming Requirement)
- “HIV” Boarding Procedures Lab – SS Cape Chalmers
- “HIV” Boarding Practical Exercise – SS Cape Chalmers & Crew Boat Blair
SS CAPE CHALMERS

494’ Break Bulk Freighter on Loan From MARAD
Students Receive Climbing and Boarding Procedures Instruction From Qualified FLETC Instructors
WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING

OFFICER SURVIVAL AFLOAT
UNDERWAY BOARDING OF THE CREW BOAT BLAIR ON THE COOPER RIVER

Team Prepares For Underway Boarding

FLETC Captain Maneuvers a 41’ UBT Into Boarding Position

8/1/2008
HIV BOARDING OF THE CAPE CHALMERS
CLEARING/SEARCHING A CONTAINER

SWEEPING THE UPPER DECK

ADVERSE CONDITIONS

MAKING ENTRY TO CARGO HOLD #3
FLETC Instructors Demonstrate the Clearing of a Container Door for Hazards, Suspects, Contraband and Shifting Merchandise

Students Clear a Container in a Low Light Confined Environment

Students Arrest a Stow Away in a Confined Space

8/1/2008
Clearing the Ship

Muster the Crew

Make Entry

Clear Shaft Alley

8/1/2008
Program Description:

A 4 1/2 day program designed to provide maritime law enforcement training to operational officers and agents involved in the specialized area of maritime regulation, asset protection, security and law enforcement.
SSATP

- Charleston’s assets hold strategic training advantages. In conjunction with major shipping channels, container terminals, port support operations, and numerous rivers and ravines; a wide range of classroom instruction is enhanced by real life hands on scenario based exercises.
SSATP

- This unique program offers port and landside facility inspections created to harden layered seaport security and protect against acts of terrorism.

- It is designed for Military, Federal, state and local law enforcement officers, and private security personnel charged with port security responsibilities.
SSATP Program Content:

- Terrorism Overview
- Underwater Threats
- Bombs and Explosives
- Maritime Piracy and Crimes
- Introduction to Seaport Operations
- VBIED
- ISPS Code
- Seaport Facility Inspection Program
SSATP Program Content:

- MANPADS
- Environmental Extremists Groups
- Incident Management
- Contemporary Issues
- Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Contingency Planning
- Laboratory Exercises
- Practical Exercise - Seaport Assessment Survey
Currently Under Development

Shipboard Tactical Operations Training Program (STOTP)

- Provide tactical operations training for law enforcement special operations teams working in the maritime/seaport environment. Includes hands-on training aboard large commercial vessels.

- Proposed 5 Training Days
Seaport Patrol Procedures Training Program (SPPTP)

- Provides seaport specific patrol procedures training to uniformed law enforcement/security officers assigned to protecting our nations ports. Includes practical applications in actual port facilities.

- Proposed 8 Training Days
Port Vulnerability Assessment Training Program (PVATP)

- Provides training to law enforcement and security personnel in conducting vulnerability assessments of our nations seaports. Include hands-on training with state-of-the-art technology in various active port terminals.

- Proposed 5 Training Days
The CVBTP and the SSATP have been reviewed and approved by the Department of Homeland Security “National Integration Center (NIC). This allows state and local law enforcement officers to attend the training with tuition covered by the Department of Homeland Security provided grant money, available through their State Homeland Security Director.
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QUESTIONS?