National Maritime Domain Awareness Coordination Office

Charting the Course for MDA

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“Awareness” is Important…

- Effective operations
- Hawthorn Effect (improving behavior)
- Networks vs Hierarchies
U.S. Maritime Domain Awareness

Strategic Goals

- Enhance transparency
- Accurate, dynamic, confident decisions & responses
- Ensure freedom of navigation & efficient flow of commerce
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National Maritime Domain Awareness Coordination Office (NMCO)

Interagency Staff and Effort
U.S. NMCO Authorities

The National Strategy for Maritime Security
September 2005

NSPD-41/HSPD-13
NMCO Focus Areas

- Coordination of inter-agency MDA-related efforts
- Maritime-related info sharing
- Outreach to the larger maritime community
U.S. MDA Governance Framework

- National Security Council
  - Deputies Committee
  - Maritime Security Interagency Policy Committee

- National MDA Coordination Office

- MDA Stakeholders Board
  - National Maritime Intelligence Center
  - Federal Agencies
  - Departmental MDA Executive Agents (DoD, DHS & DOT)
NMCO Return on Investment

- Building a culture of confidence and trust
  - Working with partners to build greater maritime awareness and information sharing

- Commercial efficiency
  - Increased port throughput

- Environmental protection
  - Improved prosecution of polluters

- Maritime safety
  - Greater awareness for search and rescue
  - Collision avoidance
  - Locate vessels for port-state control inspection

- Enhanced National Security
Collaboration for the Common Good

Outreach & Coordination

Data Sharing & Infrastructure

Plans & Policy

Technology

Relationships

Maritime Information Exchange

Domestic U.S. interagency, international organizations, and worldwide industry and institutional partners