MIST
Maritime Information Sharing Taskforce

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Facilitated Federal & Private Sector Information Sharing

• **Challenge**
  - Include the private sector in national MDA efforts
  - Gather local perspectives of practitioners
  - Provide value to the private sector

• **Purpose**
  - Provide a process for two-way sharing of threat information
  - Provide a forum for mutual problem solving around MDA issues

• **Current sponsors and stakeholders**
  - Maritime Defense & Security Research Program (NPS)
  - Maritime Administration (US Department of Transportation)
  - USCG, MARAD, GMSA & GMAII, NCAGS and GMISS

• **Status**
  - August 2008: Piloted at MIST Long Beach/Los Angeles
  - May 2009: Modified and expanded for MIST Puget Sound
  - FY2010: MIST Honolulu HI (November 2009),
  - MIST Delaware Bay (September 2010),
  - Intermodal and International application discussions
The Process

- Local Workshops
- Information Flow
- Social Networking
- Network Map
- Community Bridging
- National Feedback

Relationships - Problem solving - Synthesis

MIST EVENT
Capturing Data on Information Sharing

- **Collaboration**
  - “The further away you get from the flag pole of Washington DC, the smoother the flow”

- **Communication**
  - “When we’re on the dock if I don’t know anything about it, it doesn’t do any good”

- **Incentives & motivations for sharing**
  - “First you have to show me that there really is a threat out there— that’s why we’re spending all this money on it.”

- **Information quality**
  - “Give us something to work with. Is it homegrown eco-terrorists or international level cells I need to worry about?”

- **Information delivery**
  - “We need to have some synergy…if you have everyone calling in, what is the infrastructure to direct the information?”

- **Streamlining government**
  - “Choose a system and improve it, rather than improving all ten.”
Record Recommendations

- **Collaboration**
  - Increase institutional support for interagency collaboration
  - Align regulations with business rules and practices
- **Communication**
  - Align strategic communication with safety concerns
- **Incentives & motivations**
  - Incentivize resource sharing
- **Information quality**
  - Provide all hazard, situational awareness, financial /operational impacts, neighborhood alerts, resource information
  - Ensure information is regionally targeted, up-to-date and synchronized, intermodal, actionable, relevant, usable, trustworthy, accurate, simple
- **Information delivery**
  - Push data to the private sector, allow anytime/anywhere access
  - Scrub classified data
- **Streamlining government**
  - Federal efforts should provide value and be sustainable
  - Modify requirements to address the impacts of the economic downturn
Next steps & sustainment- From Honolulu

- Creation of unified exercises- State DOT Harbors
- Improve union relationships- Agent Representative
- Expand Face to Face relationship opportunities with unions, HHUGS, HOST- AMSC
- Improve alert & warning system- USCG Sector Honolulu
- Improve consistency and realism of ICS exercises- AMSC
- Update State communications grid- eliminate faxes- State DOT Harbors
- Try MARVIEW as a tool for information sharing- USCG & All
- Provide feedback to MARVIEW on usability- NPS MIST team
- Reconvene a MIST like group that crosses over industries & roles- State DOT Harbors
We are responsive to the needs of stakeholders

- Port Security Grants
- Sharing best practices
- Local context
- Federal partner challenges
- Industry value add
- Concept testing policies, processes, products
- National Trends
- Collaborative Capacity
- Practitioner profiles

Problem solving

Synthesis Relationship LOCALisations

Local adaptations
Questions?

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