



Committee on Port Safety and Security
381 W. 7th Street
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Chair:	Lonna Calhoun	Acting: Joe Gatlin	
Committee Members:	CSPNC: Ray Burch, Sue Castillo, Linda Grimes, Dan Pasley, Sal Pardo, Tom Villager, Joe Gatlin, David Beeman, Ed Vincent NWSPNC: Esther Ek, Carlos Garcia COASTAL NC: Chuck Hawley, David Kooper HARBOR NC: Mike Feyder, Ken Keener, Wendy Keener LAPD: Sergeant Bob Teramura, Captain Patrick Gannon		
Attendees:	Attendees: CSPNC: Ray Burch, Joe Gatlin, & Tom Villiger Harbor City NC: Ken Keener Wilmington CERT: Wendy Keener LAPD..Harbor Div.: Robert Teramura Betty Karnette Assembly Office: Rob Simpson		

The Committee on Port Safety & Security (C.O.P.S.S) has unified four Harbor area Neighborhood Councils and concerned community organizations with a single mission to ensure the safety of those who live and work in or near the Ports of Los Angeles.

The Committee's goals are to: Research what has been done, what is being done, and what needs to be done to secure the Ports and safeguard the community; assist in the dissemination of this information to Harbor Area Stakeholders; promote accountability for safety and security among Port Management, City, County, State and Federal governmental bodies; create a sense of urgency by all concerned that this issue is a high priority to all Harbor Area Stakeholders

MEETING MINUTES - .JUNE 28, 2005

Joe Gatlin of Central SPNC Presided as Lonna is out of the country

Reviewed minutes of the May 24, 2005 Meeting

Presentation by Robert Simpson, District Rep of Betty Karnette, regarding Assembly Bill 1406
Actions:

Simpson presented changes in 1406 noting that the fee assessment has been dropped. The bill was reviewed in detail by the attendee's and a motion was passed urging that neighborhood councils endorse the revised 1406 and each Council send a letter to Betty Karnette of the action taken by the neighborhood council.

The bill now provides for the California Office of Homeland Security to develop recommendations to increase freight security funding for the ports using state, federal or other funding sources. It also provides for OHS to provide a report on or before June 1st, 2006 to the Governor and Legislature regarding methods of assessing the state's ports and harbors port security needs and funding sources. The provisions of the bill would be repealed on January 1, 2007.

Bob Teramura reported on the recent Homeland Security Drill at the Port:

There were 1,200 participants including the Navy and the US Coast Guard. It seemed to be a very successful event. Bob continues to work with the Port police and other agencies as homeland security grants are applied for to cover training and other activities. The grants cannot be used for on-going staffing of agencies. The question raised is whether LA is getting its fair share of federal grant funds to meet the security needs of the Port.

Joe Gatlin reported on International maritime meetings:

Meetings that will be occurring include the first one in July sponsored by the UN in Geneva. He felt LA should have a presence at these so the LA needs for Port Security could be addressed. It appears that no one from LA is scheduled to attend officially representing LA. Joe's concern about this seemed to demonstrate the importance of C.O.P.S.S. focusing on all levels of port security...International, national, and state/local. Joe also reported on a homeland security issue of individual worker identification badges would could have a chip in them with worker information. There is some concern about how unions may well consider this matter as some union workers may have past history which might show up on a background check. The unions are discussing this issue.

Wendy Keener said the letters had been sent out to Bob and the Port Police.

Wendy also presented an excellent list of agencies which we could use in marketing materials on Safety and Security....such as the proposed brochure. Bob Teramura said the brochure is at the Port and when completed the Port will use it for tenants. There was discussion about how we can more effectively interface with the Port and Bob suggested having Dave Malin come to a future meeting (like August as Bob will be on vacation in July). Dave is in the Emergency Planning Dept of the Port of LA. Bob will contact Dave about coming in August.

Planning for Future Meetings:

In addition to inviting Dave Malin of the PLA, the attendees talked about inviting a rep from the US Coast Guard and Bob suggested LT Drew Cromwell as he has a lead role in maritime security. Bob could contact Drew.

Review of published statements on Port Security:

6/19/25 Portland Maine Press Herald....about one in 20 of the 27,000 containers arriving in the nation's ports daily are X-rayed. The economic peril was hinted at in a West Coast labor dispute in 2002, which costs \$1 billion a day in halted commerce. The country has 360 commercial ports with 9.6 million containers a year. Ports received \$515 million to improve security from June 02 to Dec 03 but spent only \$107million by Oct 04.

ABC NEWS...Jun 7, 05 reported that the new drive through detection machines for ports costing a half billion cannot detect enriched uranium. These machines may be installed soon at the Port of LA.

Next Meeting: July 26, 2005 at 6 PM, Central San Pedro Neighborhood
Council Empowerment Zone Office, 381 W. 7th St., San Pedro, CA 90731