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The Maritime Domain Protection Task Force (MDP-TF)

"To dissuade and defeat threats as early and as far from U.S. borders as possible."



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## Have You Registered Yet?

The Maritime Domain Protection Task Force is sponsoring a symposium from 18-19 August 2004 at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

The purpose of the Symposium is to bring together various commands, agencies, and departments involved in maritime security to exchange information on all aspects of maritime domain protection and specifically review NPS MDP-TF research projects. Symposium presentations will be held at various levels of classification with optional unclassified briefings for those not currently holding security clearances. Participants are invited to present agency briefs relevant to MDP during a "Forum" on the second day of the Symposium. Special presentations on DoD Homeland Defense Strategy and PACOM C2 structure are examples.

Registration is required for all participants. If you have not received confirmation of your registration or you need registration details, please e-mail Ann Wells at [abwells@nps.edu](mailto:abwells@nps.edu).

## Maritime Domain Protection Task Force Symposium

18-19 August 2004



## June Threat and Vulnerability Assessment Symposium a Success

NPS and the MDP-TF hosted the nation's first Maritime Domain Threat and Vulnerability Assessment Symposium from 15-17 June 2004 in Monterey, California. Participants included representatives from DoD, DHS, and the civilian sector. Commands and staffs participating included the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense, JCS, NORTHCOM, PACOM, various intelligence centers, port authorities, NWDC, NWC, numbered fleets, USCG HQ, areas and districts, and Immigration/Customs.

Symposium goals included classified level information sharing and focused discussion on the process of improving current assessments of maritime-related threats and vulnerabilities to more effectively direct efforts to protect the U.S., its people, ports and political-economic system.

The three day event was dedicated to identifying threats and dangers to U.S. security, matching existing threats to critical U.S. vulnerabilities, methods for assessing threats with regard to specific vulnerabilities, and a "future and forward" look at MDA. The final portion of the conference was spent on a series of panel-driven and discussion-oriented vignettes, in which conference attendees were broken into two groups and given the task of dealing with several scenarios which threatened U.S. interests in the maritime domain.

The unity of effort shown by this diverse group illustrated how larger DoD, DHS, and civilian sectors can work together as force multipliers. Feedback from



(L to R) Prof. Mitch Brown, NWC, Monterey Campus, and Mr. Frederick Ferrer, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of the ASD (HD) at the Symposium

participants was unanimously positive. Attendees found the Symposium useful and informative, with particular value in the coverage of intelligence capabilities and the opportunity to meet and network with people in the homeland defense and maritime domain protection communities. The symposium

## Welcome Aboard!



The MDP Task Force is pleased to introduce its first academic intern, Lt. Bruce Martin, Public Safety Lieutenant and Area Commander with the City of Marina, California, Department of Public Safety. A graduate student with California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB), Lt. Martin is interning with the MDP-TF as part of a Master of Arts in Public Policy program with the Leon and Sylvia Panetta Institute at CSUMB.

Lt. Martin plans to assist in the development of a federally funded program to teach command and control procedures for law enforcement, including foreign language and cross-cultural components. "Such a program would provide invaluable benefit to our nation's security," believes Lt. Martin. As a Hazardous Materials Responder and Incident Commander, certified firefighter, and graduate of the FBI's National Academy, Lt. Martin brings the expertise and viewpoint of local law enforcement to the MDP Task Force goal of improving maritime domain protection. Welcome aboard!

sium provided NPS faculty and students with a plethora of projects to consider on the current and urgent issue of MDP. This Symposium provided a platform for understanding the various efforts, which will assist in the future coordination of MDP goals and methods.

The MDP-TF Threat and Vulnerability Assessment Team sponsored and directed the Symposium: CAPT Steve Ashby, Professor Mitch Brown, Professor Paul Shemella, LCDR Robert Hight, LT Mark Steliga, and Mr. Will Costello. Their efforts will constitute the first major deliverable from the Task Force, a Threat and Vulnerability Assessment, scheduled for release this Fall.

The inaugural Threat and Vulnerability Assessment Symposium has aided the nation in addressing working-level "gaps" in defending against terrorism from the sea, providing an excellent basis from which to move forward.

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