Best Practice: Port Security Officer for Ports & Managing Drills and Exercises

PNG PORTS

MEMORANDUM

From: Security Manager **To:** All PSO's/PFSO's, All Port Managers

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Subject: ISPS SECURITY DRILLS & EXERCISES SCHEDULE FOR 2007

It is an ISPS requirement that we test our approved Port Security Plans by way of conducting Security Drills & Exercises every three months to test our security systems and response capacities in individual ports in consultation with our civil emergency organizations and stakeholders.

Below is a schedule for the remainder of 2007 to assist Port Facility Security Officers plan and conduct Drills and Exercises in their respective ports to be in compliance.

PORT	MONTH TO CONDUCT DRILL OR EXERCISE	NUMBER OF DRILLS/EXERCISES TO BE CONDUCTED	PSO/PFSO RESPONSIBLE

Category: Training and Procedures

Location: PNG Ports Corporation Limited, Papua New Guinea

Date Observed: May 2007

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Description: PNG Ports Corporation hired a Port Security Officer (PSO) to oversee security at all of its facilities. All Port Facility Security Officers (PFSO) report to the PSO, as well as their own facility management. Additionally, the PSO developed a master schedule to ensure that all facilities carry out their drills and exercises.

Discussion: The PSO provides a senior level technical expert for PFSOs to utilize to help meet their policy and budget needs. This overarching corporate security organization creates efficiencies from standardized training, policies and equipment purchases. It also allows for company oversight and assistance to individual facilities in the conduct of required drills and exercises. The PSO serves as a resource to help facilities plan and execute their drills and exercises.

Potential Down-side: It requires a position dedicated solely to security.

Conclusion: PNG Ports Corporation created this position because it made business sense. They have significantly reduced theft and loss of cargo as a result of this position and creation of an effective drills and exercise program.

Cost: The cost of hiring a full time security professional/manager. However, PNG Port Corporation has realized savings as a result of loss prevention and efficiencies realized through standardization.