

**Marine Safety Information Bulletin 01-02**  
**Port Security Measures and Heightened**  
**Preparedness for Waterfront Facilities**  
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The Captain of the Port Buffalo (COTP) recognizes that regulated Waterfront Facilities throughout the region have taken extensive measures to upgrade their physical security. As the nation's war on terrorism continues, it is important to preserve the safety and security measures already in place while continually re-evaluating and improving the effectiveness of these measures.

This MSIB reiterates the requirements imposed as a result of the facility security inspections conducted after September 11, 2001. It clarifies the heightened security preparedness measures that should be implemented and provides information regarding Coast Guard enforcement to ensure safety and compliance with the requirements.

**Required Security Measures for Waterfront Facilities**

**Coast Guard-regulated Waterfront Facilities and non-regulated facilities located along the waterfront in the Buffalo COTP zone shall continue to maintain enhanced security measures as identified below until further notice. These security measures include:**

1. Waterfront facilities shall provide a continuous (24 hr) manned waterfront security presence at all facilities that transfer oil, chemicals, or LHGs. *The COTP encourages all waterfront facilities to increase their private security force and to provide continuous (24 hr) manned security in the vicinity of the waterfront area, regardless of the cargoes handled.*
2. The COTP requires all Waterfront Facilities to establish and maintain positive gate control for all shore-side entrances to marine terminals and facility areas by conducting 100% identification checks of all personnel entering the designated Waterfront Facility.
3. Waterfront Facilities shall restrict personal and other motorized vehicles from parking within 100 yards of all moored vessels except for attended vehicles or when the owner/operator remains within the immediate vicinity of the vehicle.
4. Waterfront Facilities shall establish and maintain a security program that includes performing daily checks of perimeter fences, gates, barriers, and lighting.
5. Waterfront Facilities shall review and update their list of those persons who are authorized to access the facility.

**Recommended Security Measures for Waterfront Facilities**

**Recognizing that many facilities are operating under security procedures designed before the events of 11 September 2001 the COTP encourages waterfront facilities to perform reviews of their physical security procedures focusing in the following areas:**

1. Facilities should periodically re-evaluate the need for additional physical security resources.
2. Facilities should evaluate the response time of security and law enforcement personnel in the event of an emergency situation.

3. Facilities should review procedures for the identification and admission of company personnel, contractors, visitors, and law enforcement personnel.
4. Facilities should continue to evaluate routes of facility access and egress, effectiveness of remote surveillance systems, and radio and tele-communications. Special consideration should be given to securing access routes from the water.

**Enforcement of Required Security Measures for Coast Guard Regulated Waterfront Facilities**

**COTP required security measures for Coast Guard Regulated waterfront facilities located in the Buffalo COTP Zone may be enforced using the full regulatory authority delegated to the COTP found in 33 CFR 6.01-19**

It is the intent of the COTP that all waterfront facilities should continue to focus on their security issues in a serious manner and seek to find opportunities for continuous improvement. COTP is fully aware and appreciative of the fact that many local facilities meet and exceed the minimum standards. USCG will however continue to enforce the required security measures identified in this MSIB. Failure to comply with this MSIB and subsequent COTP orders may result in direct regulatory enforcement including the issuance of verbal warnings, written letters of warning, and administrative civil penalties in accordance with 33 CFR 6.18.

USCG active duty personnel and uniformed USCG Auxiliarists will continue to perform security checks of regulated Waterfront Facilities. While USCG personnel are authorized to conduct these examinations i.a.w. 33 CFR 127.011, operators are authorized, and encouraged, to check the identification of any USCG personnel and accompany them on facility checks.

Questions and reports of prohibited or suspicious activities may be reported to MSO Buffalo at (716) 843-9570 or MSD Massena at (315) 764-3284. If at any time you encounter difficulties in contacting either office to report such an activity, please contact the National Response Center at 1 (800) 424-8802.

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