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SUBJ: PORT SECURITY SPECIALIST AND MARITIME ENFORCEMENT RATE
COLLABORATION

A. CG-FAC POLICY LETTER 12-03

1. Maritime security, like other challenges, requires the Coast Guard to make full use of all our talents, capabilities, and skills.

Recent conversations among CGHQ program managers revealed a skill set within the ME Rating which Sector Commanders may wish to incorporate into Area Maritime Security Assessments, facility inspections, and related critical infrastructure protection activities.

2. The ME rating attends A school at FLETC and receives training on conducting physical security as part of the core curriculum. In addition, MEs must demonstrate proficiency in physical security, security assessment, and planning competencies for advancement to ME3 through MECS, including a specific requirement to support AMS assessments for advancement to MECS.

3. A CG headquarters workgroup comprised of COMDTs (CG-PSA), (CG-MSR), (CG-7D-1), (CG-741) and (CG-FAC), recommends that the Port Security Specialist (PSS) and Maritime Enforcement (ME) communities work together on upcoming area maritime security (AMS) assessments and related MTSA activities. This cooperation will benefit the ME and PSS communities by allowing MEs to become proficient at EPQS required for advancement while also serving as a force multiplier for the PSS and MTSA facility inspector community.

4. This initiative generates no new work. This message is merely to raise awareness among field units about the full spectrum of resources available and the efficiencies to be gained by pairing the PSS and ME communities. Please direct questions, observations, suggestions, and best practices on this topic to LCDR Dwayne Meekins, (202) 372-1109.

5. RDML Joseph A. Servidio, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, sends.

6. Internet release authorized.

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