

Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners
Security-Safety Committee Port Tour
May 29, 2013

Minutes

Security-Safety Committee Members in Attendance:

Robert M. Stanton, Committee Chair
James M. Boyd, Committee Vice Chair
Craig P. Coy
Manju S. Ganeriwala, State Treasurer

Commissioners in Attendance:

Jeffrey D. Wassmer, VPA Board Vice Chair
Scott R. Bergeron
Frank L. Laughon, Jr.

Staff:

J. J. Keever, Senior Deputy Executive Director, External Affairs
Bill Burket, Director, Maritime Incident Response Team (MIRT)
Michael Brewer, Chief of Police

Guests:

James W. Noel, III, Assistant Attorney General-Transportation Section

Committee Chairman, Mr. Robert M. Stanton, and Mr. Bill Burket, Virginia Port Authority's Director of MIRT, organized a port tour for members of the Security-Safety Committee and invited guests. At 8:00 a.m., participants gathered outside of the World Trade Center, 101 West Main Street, Norfolk, and were transported according to the following itinerary:

APM Terminals, Portsmouth (8:30 a.m.):

Mr. Shawn Tibbetts, Vice President of Operations and Maintenance for Virginia International Terminals, Inc. (VIT), and Joanne Jenkins, Terminal Service Manager for VIT, provided an overview of the construction and operation of the APM terminal. There was good exchange of information and questions regarding terminal operations between the board members and VIT staff.

U.S. Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads (10:00 a.m.):

USCG Captain of the Port (COTP), Captain John Little, LT Noel Johnson, USCG Law Enforcement Chief, and Captain Bill Cofer, President of Virginia Pilot Association provided a briefing on port operations. This included; COTP duties and responsibilities, security and severe weather procedures and recovery operations conducted after the passing of severe weather. The highlight of the presentation addressed the cooperation and coordination among our port partners with a focus on the USCG, VPA, and VA Pilots.

After the tour of USCG Sector, participants boarded a Virginia Pilot launch for a harbor tour conducted by Captain Bill Cofer and Bill Burket. The launch tour included; shipside tour of vessels moored at APMT to discuss cargo operations, ship navigation and docking procedures, observed coal loading operations at NS Coal Pier 6, and passed by Craney Island en-route to NIT.

Norfolk International Terminals (NIT) – Tour of Operations Tower, Police Headquarters/Command Center and Crane # 13 (11:30 a.m.)

Bill Burket and Chief Brewer provided an overview of NIT operations from the operations tower. Bill and Mike were asked to provide information related to their backgrounds and their areas of responsibilities involving security, MIRT and Emergency Operations.

Chief Brewer facilitated a tour of the Police Command Center (PCC). The tour included; review of security operations, tour of the PCC and review of security/Command and Control systems and the PCC Operators duties and responsibilities. A demonstration of firearms training was conducted in the PCC firing range.

Bill Pierangelino, Senior Maintenance Performance Manager VIT and Danny Webb, Crane Maintenance VIT facilitated a tour of Container Crane #13 located at the north berth of NIT. Attendees were able to access the crane's boom, mechanical, and cab areas to familiarize themselves with crane operations from the operator's prospective.

Everyone was transported back to the World Trade Center and the tour concluded at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Burket", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bill Burket
Director, MIRT