

INTERAGENCY OPERATIONS CENTERS FOR MARITIME SECURITY

I. Purpose

This Directive establishes the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) policy and responsibilities for Interagency Operations Centers (IOCs) at maritime ports throughout the United States.

II. Scope

- A. This Directive applies throughout the Department.
- B. This Directive does not apply to incident management or response events covered under the National Response Framework.

III. Authorities

- A. Title 46, United States Code, Section 70107A, "Interagency operational centers for port security"
- B. DHS Delegation 14006, "Delegation to the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard Concerning Establishment of Interagency Operations Centers"

IV. Responsibilities

- A. The Commandant of the Coast Guard is responsible for overseeing the establishment and operation of IOCs nationwide.
- B. DHS Component Heads:
 - 1. Ensure the awareness and participation of their respective components in IOC establishment and ongoing operation.
 - 2. Provide appropriate training and operational, tactical, and administrative oversight of Component personnel participating in IOCs.

V. Policy and Requirements

A. Consistent with the Security and Accountability for Every Port (SAFE Port) Act of 2006 (see, 46 U.S.C. § 70107A), DHS is required to establish IOCs to improve security in the maritime domain through better planning, coordination, and execution of maritime operations.

B. IOCs form a DHS operational framework within maritime ports that increases the level of port security through multi-agency collaboration between DHS and other federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, international, and private entities.

C. IOCs facilitate sharing of information among personnel and across networks. IOCs share targeting, intelligence and scheduling information to improve domain and situational awareness, uncover and resolve gaps in planned and ongoing operations, and reduce duplication of effort between agencies. The DHS Information Sharing and Safeguarding Governance Board provides IOCs with guidance regarding information sharing and safeguarding.

D. The area of responsibility (AOR) for each IOC is its respective Captain of the Port (COTP) zone (33 CFR § 101-30). IOCs focus on three key capabilities: joint vessel targeting, interagency operational planning, and operations monitoring. Representatives from each affected DHS Component meet with their respective COTPs to formulate and execute a plan that creates a fully supported IOC within that AOR. IOCs do not replace existing organizations but are designed to support alignment and transparency between those organizations to increase unity of effort.

VI. Questions

Address questions or concerns regarding this Directive to the USCG Commandant, Attn: Office of Shore Forces (CG-741).



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