



AWR 144 Port and Vessel Security for Public Safety and Maritime Personnel

Port and Vessel Security for Public Safety and Maritime Personnel is an eight-hour training program designed to educate rural public safety officials and personnel in maritime jurisdictions who may respond to maritime incidents.

The U.S. is the world's largest importer and one of the largest exporters of goods. The maritime transportation system employs 13 million people and contributes \$750 billion annually to the gross national product (GNP). It is a major factor in the economic life and stability of the country. The inland waterways of the maritime system encompass many high risk terminals that are located outside large municipalities but which share the same risk factors as larger ports.

It is critical that the maritime and emergency response community work together during an incident involving the many port and vessel facilities throughout the country. This course will assist the public safety community in understanding the unique and complex security needs of maritime facilities and vessels.

Through this course, first responders will gain a better understanding of the criticalities of the maritime system, thereby increasing their ability to defend it. The training will also enable first responders to better assist the facilities and vessels with the orderly, secure, and safe flow of commerce that is vital to all maritime communities and to the nation.

Key elements of the course:

- characteristics of the U.S. maritime transportation system
- threats to the maritime transportation system, which includes ferries and passenger vessels
- maritime security-related issues arising from natural disasters
- maritime security levels
- threats to critical maritime infrastructure and threats posed by small vessel-borne improvised explosive devices (VBIEDs)
- the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)

- maritime environment safety issues
- *Homeport* and the *Area Maritime Security Committee* resources.

This course also addresses:

- common vessel types
- basic terminology
- the major maritime security regulations
- sensitive security information
- resources for interfacing with facilities and vessels.

This course supports the strategic goals of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8 “National Preparedness” (HSPD-8), HSPD -13 “National Strategy for Maritime Security,” the *National Preparedness Guidelines* and the *Target Capabilities List* in the areas of:

- Planning
- Risk Management
- Information Gathering & Recognition of Indicators & Warnings
- Intelligence & Information Sharing & Dissemination
- Counter-Terror Investigation & Law Enforcement
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- On-Site Incident Management
- Responder Safety & Health
- Emergency Public Safety & Security Response
- Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) & Hazardous Materials Response & Decontamination

It is highly recommended that participants complete IS 100: Introduction to Incident Command System and IS 700: National Incident Management System (NIMS) prior to enrollment in this course.

To schedule this training in your jurisdiction please contact the RDPC at 877-855-RDPC (7372) or email info@ruraltraining.org. This training is tuition free for qualifying rural jurisdictions and was developed by The University of Findlay, a member of the RDPC.

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Provider:	Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium
Min/Max Enrollment:	Min 20/Max 40
Length:	8 hours (Direct delivery)
Level of Training:	Awareness
Format:	Instructor-led training
Course Number:	AWR 144
Prerequisites:	- IS 100 and IS 700 highly recommended - U.S. citizenship