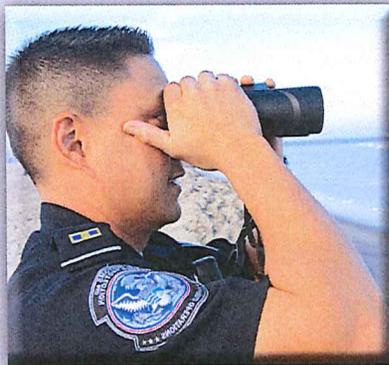


Maritime Domain - This is where the Maritime Unified Command conducts operations. It includes the ocean, inland bays, and coastal land areas.

Intelligence Fusion - Each partner agency shares information on threats and targets. In this manner, the Maritime Unified Command can assess and prioritize intelligence information regarding criminal activities and criminal organizations.

Joint Planning - All participants share in the planning process. The collaborative planning approach ensures that the maximum effect of all resources is achieved.

Operational Fusion - Essentially, all individual agency personnel operating as one team.



Partner Agencies Maritime Unified Command

U.S. Coast Guard

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

- *Border Patrol*
- *Office of Field Operations*
- *Office of Air and Marine*

U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol

San Diego Sheriff's Department

San Diego Harbor Police Department

Carlsbad Police Department

Chula Vista Police Department

Coronado Police Department

Oceanside Police Department

San Diego Police Department

California Department of Parks and Recreation



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Protecting America



The Threat

Maritime transnational crime is an issue of National Security. For the purpose of guarding America's borders, this is not just an immigration issue. Maritime law enforcement efforts must protect against a spectrum of threats from illegal maritime smuggling (people, weapons, narcotics, money, terrorists) to terrorists, weapons of mass effect, and direct attack.

It is equally as important to inspect and manage the flow of vessel traffic across the border as it is to manage the vehicle traffic crossing the border. The threat presented by transnational maritime smuggling is similar to the threat presented by land smuggling and air smuggling. The maritime domain, however, has some very unique challenges with regard to detection, response, and interdiction.

Smugglers place everyone at risk either through the dangerous nature of the contraband that they are smuggling or, in the case of human trafficking, through the harsh, dangerous conditions encountered at sea.

We hold the safety and well-being of our communities, our personnel, and the victims of human trafficking as our highest priorities.

Our Goal

To increase the
Safety and Security
of our Communities by aggressively
Targeting Transnational Crime
operating in the
Maritime Domain
To Protect America

About Us

The Maritime Unified Command (MUC) is composed of local, state, and Federal law enforcement agencies that have a responsibility for law enforcement on our ocean, bays, and coastal areas.

This effort was created by the senior law enforcement leaders in San Diego, California. They determined that joint intelligence, planning, operations and prosecutions would be the most effective manner of addressing the unique challenges presented by maritime and coastal operations.



State and local agencies also benefit from a Federal grant called Operation Stonegarden. This grant is offered by the federal government to local and state law enforcement agencies for the specific purpose of enhancing border security. Currently, in San Diego County, the San Diego Sheriff's Department administers and the United States Border Patrol manages this grant.

By sharing information, planning, and working together, we further enhance our ability to protect our communities and protect America.

How You Can Help!

The ocean and coastal communities cover a lot of area, so we need your help. As a member of our community you can help us by reporting what you see. That's all we need, just a phone call! If you see suspicious activity, something out of the ordinary, please contact the U.S. Coast Guard's Joint Harbor Operations Center (JHOC [pronounced "jay-hawk"]). They are the nerve center of our unified operations, and they will immediately let our personnel on the water, bay, or coast know what you saw so they can respond and investigate. Here are some things you can look for:

- Unlit, unregistered, overloaded, overcrowded, or ill-equipped boats
- Boats operating at odd hours or in odd locations
- Suspicious coastal activity such as people signaling to boats, or people watching maritime activity when no special events are present
- Suspicious vehicles in coastal neighborhoods at odd hours

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