

# New Command Center to Enhance Harbor Security

*State-of-the-art facility to improve Port, regional operations*

**T**he Port of Long Beach broke ground recently on a new Security Command and Control Center that will serve as headquarters for the Port's expanding Security Division and law enforcement partners.

With its expected completion in fall 2008, the \$20-million center will be a state-of-the-art facility for the Port's Security Division and Harbor Patrol as well as the Port's law enforcement and emergency response partners.

"This Command and Control Center underscores the Port's commitment to effective, well-coordinated security," said Long Beach Harbor Commission President Mario Cordero. "The facility will allow our security teams and partners to better tackle ever-evolving challenges of protecting the Port in the post-9/11 era."

The center will be a regional resource, with an emergency operations center to coordinate law enforcement agencies' response to events or incidents in the harbor complex.

Officers and other personnel from the Port's Security Division, the Long Beach Police Department,



The new Command and Control Center will serve as a multi-agency security resource.

the Port of Los Angeles, U.S. Coast Guard, Customs and Border Protection and the Marine Exchange will be able to work side by side at the center during an emergency, greatly enhancing communication among the agencies.

The facility is being funded by the Port of Long Beach and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which contributed \$8.1 million toward the \$20 million cost. In keeping with the Port's Green Port

Policy, the building will incorporate environmentally friendly design, recycled materials, and energy efficiency and sustainable construction practices.

## Want to learn more?

Complete video coverage of the Command and Control Center groundbreaking is available for viewing anytime on the Port's web site, [www.polb.com](http://www.polb.com).

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