



## News Release

### **Port to Take Part in Maritime Security Expo Long Beach event to feature latest technology, experts Oct. 20, 21**

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Officials from the Port of Long Beach will take part in the Eighth Annual Maritime Security Expo, a gathering of the nation's leading experts on port security. The Expo also showcases the latest in high-tech tools and practices used to protect the world's ports and shipping lanes.

The Port of Long Beach is a co-sponsor of the event, at the Long Beach Convention Center October 20-21.

"We are part of the country's largest port complex and in the middle of a major metropolitan area, so security is of the highest priority," said Port of Long Beach Executive Director Richard D. Steinke, one of the expo's featured speakers. "We spend \$25 million a year to protect our facilities and the community around them. We are also home to a state-of-the-art command and control center that stands ready to coordinate emergency efforts with our many stakeholders."

Other Port of Long Beach officials scheduled to speak at the expo are Cosmo Perrone, Director of Security, and Steve Ruggiero, Deputy Director of Port Security. Perrone will be part of a panel discussion on ship traffic during emergency port closures, and Ruggiero will moderate a discussion on how to recognize real threats in the clutter of the information age.

The expo, titled "Weathering the Perfect Storm: Faltering Economies, Piracy, Climate Change and Maritime Security Regulations," will take place Tuesday, October 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Long Beach Convention Center. The exhibit is free and open to the public, but panel discussions and presentation require registration.

For a full agenda and more information visit [www.maritimesecurityexpo.com](http://www.maritimesecurityexpo.com).

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