USCG Perspective on Risk Assessment and Management Practices in Latin America and the Caribbean

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• Visited most Latin American and Caribbean countries at least twice; many three times
  – Try to visit informally at least annually

• Hosted 29 Reciprocal Visits from Latin American and Caribbean countries
ISPS Code Requirements

• Gather and assess threat information

• Set Security Levels
  – Communication
  – Coordination

• Determine what facilities are subject to the ISPS Code
ISPS Code Requirements

- Conduct, Review, and Approve Port Facility Security Assessments
  - Persons conducting have appropriate skills
  - Persons reviewing and approving have appropriate skills
ISPS Code Requirements

• Review and approve Port Facility Security Plans
  – Ensuring that the Port Facility Security Plan takes into account the issues identified in the Port Facility Security Assessment

• Testing Port Facility Security Plans
  – Drills and Exercises
ISPS Code Requirements

• Oversight
  – Periodic inspections/audits
  – Holding facilities accountable for ISPS Code implementation is an area that could be improved
Concluding Thoughts

- All countries are implementing the ISPS Code
- General Areas that may be worth focusing on:
  - Legal Regimes
  - Drills and Exercises
  - Personnel competency
  - Interagency cooperation
  - Small vessel security
Recent OAS/USCG Engagements

Over the last 12 months we have been involved with multiple capacity building efforts.

- Risk Assessment Workshops
- Crises Management Exercises
- APEC Drills and Exercise Training
Questions / Comments

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