

# Boundary Blitz 08



# PROGRAMS EXERCISED

- On 19 Sep 2008, Sector Detroit concluded the three day full scale exercise "Boundary Blitz", which included exercise components of Preparedness For Response Program (PREP), Area Maritime Security Training and Exercise Program (AMSTEP) and the Maritime Transportation Recovery Plan (MTSRP).



# PURPOSE

- The exercises were conducted to improve the effectiveness of the Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP), Preparedness for Response Area Contingency Plan (ACP) and the Maritime Transportation System Recovery plan (MTSRU).

# EXERCISE FOCUS

- Awareness
- Prevention
- Response
- Recovery





# OVERVIEW

- The Boundary Blitz exercise scenario began with a terrorist threat to the Energy Sector in the Detroit area. On 17 September, the day following the threat, a fictitious accidental release of oil occurred at a Waterfront Facility with product spilled in the Detroit/St. Clair River corridor. On the 18th of September we began the Security portion of our exercise.

# PREP PRE-EXERCISE ACTIVITIES

## Planning Meetings:

- C&O
- Initial Planning Conference
- Mid Planning Conference
- Final Planning Conference





# PREP PRE-EXERCISE ACTIVITIES

## PREP TTX:

- Completed initial response and notifications for FSE.
- Developed the ICS 201 (Incident Briefing) to kick off the FSE.



# PREP PRE-EXERCISE ACTIVITIES

Training and  
Preparation:

- ICS 320 (old mates).
- USCG Atlantic Strike Team Preparedness Assessment Visit (PAV).





# PREP OVERVIEW

- On Wednesday, 17 Sep, a Unified Command consisting of USCG, Michigan Marine Terminal (RP), US EPA and MDEQ along with a CCG assigned liaison directed response activity for a fictitious major oil spill in the River Rouge spreading into the Detroit River and impacting U.S. and Canadian waters/shoreline. Boats from ANT Detroit, Station Belle Isle, USCG Auxiliary, Wayne County Sherriff's Department and Marine Pollution Control assisted with setting the boom and establishing a safety zone.

# PREP ACTIVITIES

## Unified Command

- Incident Command Post





# PREP ACTIVITIES

## Unified Command

Field Operations Elizabeth  
Park, Trenton MI.:

- USCG Boom Deployment
- MPC Boom Deployment
- Downriver Emergency Response Team (DERT) Boom Deployment



# PREP ACTIVITIES

Unified Command

Field Operations

Elizabeth Park:

- Operations Briefing





# PREP ACTIVITIES

USCG Booming and oil collection operations near Elizabeth Park in Trenton, MI.





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Marine Pollution Control  
(MPC) Booming and  
oil collection  
operations near  
Elizabeth Park in  
Trenton, MI.



# PREP ACTIVITIES





# PREP ACTIVITIES

Shoreline assessment  
teams on patrol at  
various downriver  
locations



# PREP ACTIVITIES

Safety Zone set-up and enforcement





# CANUSLAK ACTIVITIES

Exchange of Liaison  
Officers ICP:

- Coordinated spill response.
- Resource tracking
- Best Practice sharing





# CANUSLAK ACTIVITIES

## "LORI" System Deployment





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# PREP PARTICIPANTS

- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- NOAA
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- U.S. Border Patrol
- International Joint Commission
- Canadian Coast Guard
- Civil Air Patrol
- Wayne County Homeland Security/Emergency Management Division
- City of Trenton
- Marine Pollution Control
- Eastern Canada Response Corporation
- Salvation Army



# MTSRU

- On Friday, the MTSRU convened and discussed actions required to reopen the river following simulated closure for the exercise events.

# MTSRU ACTIVITIES

- Discussion based exercise with Maritime Transportation Recovery Unit focusing on restoring the Detroit River after the Major oil spill.





# MTSRU PARTICIPANTS

- U. S. Coast Guard
- U. S. Border Patrol
- Canadian Coast Guard
- Transport Canada
- Windsor Port Authority
- Lake Pilots Association
- U. S. Steel

# KEY SUCCESSES

- Ability to set up and use the Incident Command System.
- Integrated field operations, especially for PREP.
- Building on partnerships.
- Identified several areas for improvement.



# Challenges

Actions not completed due to on –going  
“real” operations (Hurricane Ike):

- EPA vessel “Lake Guardian” and USCG Strike Team did not deploy the Vessel of Opportunity Skimming System (VOSS) at the mouth of the Detroit River.

# CONCLUSION

- The Boundary Blitz Full Scale Exercise (FSE) brought dozens of agencies together to evaluate response and recovery to a scripted exercise scenario that closely mirrored a real event
- The exercises met at least two or more major objectives in each program area and tested the AMSP, ACP and MTSRP.

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# LESSONS LEARNED

- Establishment of a field command post to coordinate efforts was outstanding.
- Development and use of a good communications plan kept everyone informed and made the exercise run smoothly.
- Continue Team Building ICS instruction with other agencies. Pre-determine partner agency ICS positions and qualifications.
- Use of pre-determined ICP worked very well. Communications Infrastructure in place.

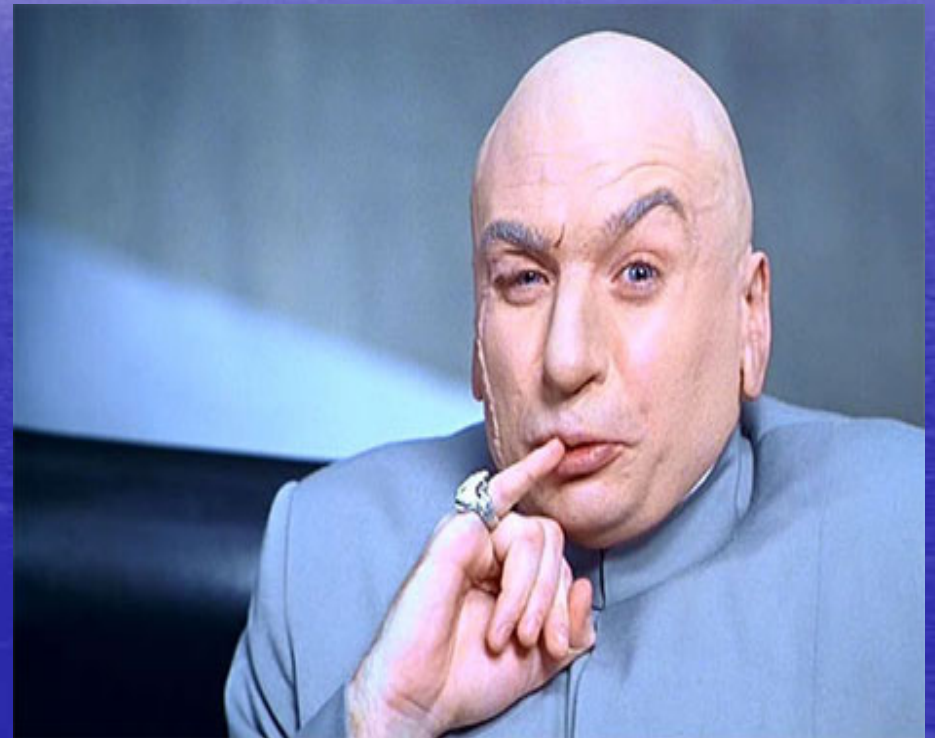
# LESSONS LEARNED

- Thorough understanding of CANUSLAK, better understanding about border issues with respect to contingency operations.
- Include a volunteer coordination plan in the ACP.
- Provide more detail on booming strategies in the ACP.



# What's next

- Update Plans
- Get Ready for 2009!



# QUESTIONS

