

Course Syllabus

Course Title:	Vessel Personnel With Security Responsibilities (VPWSR)
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Course Duration:	<i>13.0 Hours</i>
Course Difficulty:	<i>Intermediate</i>
Course Category:	<i>Security</i>

Learning Outcomes

1. Knowledge of current security threats and patterns;
2. Recognition and detection of weapons, dangerous substances, and devices;
3. Recognition, on a non-discriminatory basis, of characteristics and behavioral patterns of persons who are likely to threaten security;
4. Techniques used to circumvent security measures;
5. Crowd management and control techniques;
6. Security-related communications;
7. Knowledge of emergency procedures and contingency plans;
8. Operation of security equipment and systems;
9. Testing, calibration, and at-sea maintenance of security equipment and systems;
10. Inspection, control, and monitoring techniques; and
11. Methods of physical searches of persons, personal effects, baggage, cargo, and ship stores.

References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISPS Code • STCW Convention Table A-VI/6-1 • (TC) Transport Canada • IMO Model Course 3.26 • (MTSA) Marine Transportation Security Act & Regulations (MTSR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNCLOS • ICS • SOLAS • MCA (UK) • BMP
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Course Subject	Time
Chapter 1 – Maritime Security Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarity with relevant international conventions, codes, and recommendations • Familiarity with relevant government legislation and regulations • Definitions • Handling sensitive security-related information and communications 	2.8 Hour
Chapter 2 – Security Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracting governments • Recognized Security Organizations • The company • The ship • The port facility • Ship Security Officer • Company Security Officer • Port Facility Security Officer 	1.0 Hour

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seafarers with designated security duties • Port facility personnel with designated security duties • Other personnel 	
Chapter 3 – Ship Security Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment tools • On-scene security surveys 	1.0 Hour
Chapter 4 – Security Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security equipment and systems • Operational limitations of security equipment and systems • Testing, calibration, and maintenance of security equipment and systems 	2.0 Hour
Chapter 5 – Threat Identification, Recognition & Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition and detection of weapons, dangerous substances, and devices • Methods of physical searches and non-intrusive inspections • Execution and coordination of searches • Recognition, on a non-discriminatory basis, of persons posing potential security risks • Techniques used to circumvent security measures • Crowd management and control techniques 	2.5 Hours
Chapter 6 – Ship Security Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions required by different security levels • Maintaining the security of the ship/port interface • Familiarity with the Declaration of Security • Reporting security incidents • Execution of security procedures 	2.5 Hour
Chapter 7 – Emergency Preparedness, Drills & Exercises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Execution of contingency plans • Security drills and exercises 	1.0 Hour
Chapter 8 – Security Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation & records 	0.5 Hour
Course Assessment	1.0 Hour