



# U.S. Customs and Border Protection

## Our Mission

We are the guardians of our Nation's borders.

We are America's frontline.

We safeguard the American homeland at and beyond our borders.

We protect the American public against terrorists and the instruments of terror.

We steadfastly enforce the laws of the United States while fostering our nation's economic security through lawful international trade and travel.

We serve the American public with vigilance, integrity and professionalism.

# Challenges between private port authorities and enforcement officials



# Building relationships .....

- Developing a rapport with private terminal management
- understanding each others mission ( business mission versus security mission)
- Setting goals
- Expect some setbacks
- Don't be a bureaucrat



# Facility Security

- Assess vulnerabilities
- Ingress and egress control points
- Lighting
- Video surveillance
- Security personnel
- Vetting workers
- Credentialing of workers
- Hazardous cargoes
- cargo security



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# Business issues

- Cycle times for exams
- Properly equipped exam stations
- Use of Non Intrusive Inspection Technology
- Risk management targeting databases
- Agency staffing (work load to work staff ratios)



# Emergency Response Plans

- Natural and or man made disasters
- Safeguard agency staff and terminal employees
- Safeguard infrastructure
- Develop a action plan with stakeholders
  - impact to environment
- Table top exercises



# Agency needs to stay focus on mission.....



- Proliferation of nuclear and radioactive material
- Illegal migration and human smuggling
- Narcotic Smuggling
- Trafficking in weapons and armaments
- Organized crime



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Questions or Comments