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### **Coast Guard, Los Angeles Sheriff's Conduct Joint Training** *Video & Photographs Available*



**SAN PEDRO, Calif.** - The Coast Guard and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department conducted a joint exercise today, to test the agencies ability to respond together during possible security threats.

Members of Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team Los Angeles-Long Beach vertically inserted onto a target vessel from a LASD helicopter, simulating responding to threat onboard a ship.

"This is a great opportunity for us to work with our port partners and leverage the impressive resources that are available in this area to improve our response capabilities and provide greater security to this nationally strategic port," said Cmdr. Charlene Downey, commanding officer of MSST LA-LB.

Vertical Insertion, or fast-roping, is a rapid deployment technique sometimes used by Coast Guard security teams to quickly get onboard a vessel to verify or subdue hostile threats. This training event was the first time a Coast Guard team has practiced deploying from a non-military aircraft.

MSST LA-LB is a maritime anti-terrorism team that provides water and shore-based protection for strategic shipping, high-interest vessels, and critical infrastructure. Highly-trained team members are capable of deploying via air, land or sea to support any homeland security or defense missions.

To view video of the joint-training exercise, select the link below:

[http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2\\_itemId=940220](http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2_itemId=940220)

To view photographs of the exercise, select the links below:

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