# **PORT OPERATIONS**

IN THE MIDDLE (some say MUDDLE)

OF EVERYTHING

### **OPERATIONS INVOLVES**

Operation of Facilities Marketing Transportation Accounting & Finance Governmental Relationships Tennant Relationships

# Operations is Every Ones Best Friend

#### MARKETING

- "You told them we could do that?" ENGINEERING
  - "How do we make that work?"
- ACCOUNTING
  - "No, we couldn't get three quotes at 3 am Sunday."
- HUMAN RESOURCES
  - "We won't need the people a month from now. The job will be over."
- SECURITY
  - "Do you have any idea how many badges that is?"
- COMMUNICATIONS WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS IS ESSENTIAL

### TRANSPORTATION

Shiplines
Vessel Scheduling
Rail Roads
Rail Operations
Trucking

### **Governmental Relationships**

- USCG MTSA (Security Plans)
  - **Vessel Boardings**
- CBP Vessel Clearance
  - **FTZ Regulations**
  - Quarantine Issues
- USDA Quarantine Issues
  - **Inspection Procedures**
  - Warehouse Examinations
- FDA Potable Water
- EPA Air Quality
  - Water Quality

# Security Impacts

Background Checks
Access Control
Cargo Movement

## **Improving Port Efficiency**

Examples

•HMO and Billing System

•VTIS

•Railroad Switching & Interchange

### Harbormaster Traffic System



## **Traffic System Provides**

History of Vessel ActivitiesCargo Activities

### **Vessel Activities**

Inbound Times
Docking Times
Shifting Times
Cargo operation Times
Standby

# **Cargo Operations**

Specific Cargoes
Loading
Unloading
Shed Use

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REN	E.T.A. <mark>UN</mark>	ARCTIC VOYAGER	MLT BAUXITE				06	07	1300	) +

F3=Exit F4=Time F5=Dock F6=Type F7=DueIn F8=Sail F9=EnRoute F10=Flag F11=Tug F2=Vessel а



# **Billing System**

### Background

- Provides integrated & enhanced capabilities to the following:
  - ✓ Dockage
  - ✓Wharfage
  - ✓Building & Land Rental
  - ✓Bulk Terminal
  - ✓Cold Storage Facility
  - ✓ Salomon P. Ortiz International Center

Allows for simultaneous reporting & processing of tonnage and revenue
 Provides on-line inquiry capabilities

## Vessel Traffic Information System Background

•Operational Harbormaster Office (HMO) since 1932 •All personnel are Port employees •HMO monitors vessel traffic on a 24/7 basis •HMO monitors all inbound and outbound vessels, as well as vessels shifting within the Port Vessel monitoring was initially done utilizing a Card System and VHF Radio communication Participation in system is voluntary; however, Port has 100% participation •Predominate traffic is tank ship and tank barges Card based traffic system was converted to Computerized system in early 1990's Mid 1990's Voice Recording was added Late 1990's added CCTV monitoring of Inner Harbor Evaluation of Adding VTIS Began in 1995

Necessary to Improve Vessel Traffic Management and Safety Reviewed state of the art technologies Reviewed Capabilities Being Developed by USCG for Their VTS. (radar, closed circuit television systems & vessel transponder technology) Project Budget was Developed

1999 the USCG Developed a Port Assessment Process Utilizing a Port Risk Model to Identify the Level of Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) Needed Results showed Federally Manned USCG VTS Not Needed, but a VTIS Would **Provide the Needed Benefits** 

## 9-11-2001 Aftermath

 Caused a Shift in Focus to Security and the Pursuit of Security Grants
 Elements of VTIS Have a Strong Security Component
 Pursuit of Funding Moved to a New Level

August of 2003, Port Received a Special Appropriation of \$3.6M for the VTIS

# **VTIS Project Funding**

Administered through the USCG

Port as a Designated Sole Source Contractor will Provide VTIS Services to the Local USCG Office for (3) Years

VTIS is the First Port Owned and Operated Service in the Nation

### **Technical Aspects**

(2) shore based radars
 Daylight and night vision (infrared) TV cameras

- Automated
   Identification System
   (AIS)
- Enhanced VHF-FM radio communications
- All signals are received at the HMO.
- Radar coverage reach is (12) miles offshore
   Covers all of Corpus Christi Bay encompassing the Corpus Christi and La Quinta Ships Channels
   Gulf Intracoastal
- Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) is also monitored.



# Integration

Harbormaster's office equipped with computerized charts receive all of the Radar and AIS feeds and is integrated via software with the current traffic information system.

### Camera Feeds

Feeds go to the HMO

- Equipped with alert notification and automatic slewing to the target upon detection
- Feeds are sent to the USCG and to the Port's Security Center
- HMO is able to receive camera feeds from the Port's Security cameras that go to the Security Center

### **Bid / Award Process**

 Placed on competitive bid and was awarded in April 2004
 Tideland Signal Corporation, in conjunction with Norcontrol, was successful bidder

Became operational April 2006

# Railroad Switching and Interchange





