

Course Syllabus

Course Title: Vessel Personnel With Security Responsibilities (VPWSR)

Course Duration:	13.0 Hours
Course Difficulty:	Intermediate
Course Category:	Security

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:

- ISPS Code
- STCW Convention Table A-VI/6-1
- (TC) Transport Canada
- IMO Model Course 3.26
- (MTSA) Marine Transportation Security Act & Regulations (MTSR)
- UNCLOS
- ICS
- SOLAS
- MCA (UK)
- BMP

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