Course Syllabus

Course Title:	Vessel Personnel With Security Responsibilities (VPWSR)

Course Duration:	*15.0 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:	• IMO Maritime Security Manual – Guidance for port facilities, and Ships • STCW Convention Table A-VI/6-1 • (TC) Transport Canada • IMO Model Course 3.26 • (MTSA) Marine Transportation • (MTSR) Security Act & Regulations	• UNCLOS • ICS • SOLAS • MCA (UK) • BMP5 • ISPS Code

Course Subject	Time	Ref.
Introduction • Course overview • Competencies to be achieved • Current security threats & patterns • Ship & Port/Marine facility operations and conditions	1.0 Hour	STCW Code A-VI/6-2 BMP5 MTSR213
Chapter 1 – Maritime Security Policy • Familiarity with relevant international conventions, codes, and recommendations • Familiarity with relevant government legislation and regulations • Definitions • Handling sensitive security-related information and communications	2.0 Hours	ISPS Code STCW Code SOLAS MTSA MTSR BMP5 IMO Guidance

Content	Time	References
Chapter 2 – Security Responsibilities • Contracting governments • Recognized Security Organizations • The company • The ship • The port facility • Ship Security Officer • Company Security Officer • Port Facility Security Officer • Seafarers with designated security duties • Port facility personnel with designated security duties • Other personnel	1.75 Hour	SOLAS ISPS Code STCW Code Canadian Legislations MTSR (205, 203, 205, 206, 207-209, 210, 212, 213,214, 301, 303-306, 307, 308, 324)
Chapter 3 – Ship Security Assessment • Assessment tools • On-scene security surveys	1.5 Hour	MTSR (230-233)
Chapter 4 – Security Equipment • Security equipment and systems • Operational limitations of security equipment and systems • Testing, calibration, and maintenance of security equipment and systems	1.5 Hour	IMO Guidance
Chapter 5 – Threat Identification, Recognition & Response • 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	3.0 Hours	BMP5 IMO Guidance
Chapter 6 – Ship Security Actions • Actions required by different security levels • Maintaining the security of the ship/port interface • Familiarity with the Declaration of Security • Reporting security incidents • Pre-arrival in port information • Requirements prior entering port • Execution of security procedures	2.25 Hour TC 1.25HR	MTSR (212, 219, 220, 221,228, 234, 237-239, 241-243, 245-247, 249-251, 253-254, 256, 260, 264-265) BMP5
Chapter 7 – Emergency Preparedness, Drills & Exercises • Execution of contingency plans • Security drills and exercises	1.5 Hour	MTSR(215-217, 256) BMP5
Chapter 8 – Security Administration • Documentation & records	0.5 Hour	MTSR (204, 218)

Course Final Assessment	1.0 Hour