

Security Exchange Maritime Services

It has now been well over a decade since the maritime security industry took on a higher profile in West Africa and responded to the piracy crisis off the Horn of Africa. In that time we have witnessed a remarkable response across the sector, managing the emerging threats and safeguarding tens of thousands of seafarers on countless tasks.

At Security Exchange we have long supported the most effective and robust solution i.e. the four-man armed team; however, the environment has changed over the years and on-board security has changed too.

Security Exchange is now a member of the Chelsea Group of companies, the leading global security and resource management company.

Security Exchange's senior maritime consultant, Nigel Watson Clark, is one of the most experienced maritime security professionals working today. Across the spectrum of maritime security services he has played a major part in developing currently accepted procedures. The concept of Response and Training Officers (RTOs) has been developed from those oil and gas tasks where historical, regional and political restrictions have applied, now rolled out to merchant shipping.

Clients can rely on Security Exchange to provide maritime security services. From breach notification through to safe arrival, our 24-hour crisis response centre is immediately contactable so that any incidents can be swiftly and professionally managed.

We can support clients with the full range of services, including guarding, vessel audits and guidance on target hardening and best practices. These services are still available during the challenging times presented by Covid-19 working closely, as we do, with trusted partners.

Should a vessel be attacked, we can also provide full support throughout the incident to help clients with the best possible outcome.



SECURITY EXCHANGE



RTO ASSESSMENT

- Current maritime threat in the Area of Operations (AOO) and country risk assessment
- Vessel/facility vulnerabilities
- Mitigation of the threat, for example, vessel 'hardening' specific to operations
- Procedures for support and supply vessels
- Advice on procurement of materials
- Identifying specific citadel(s) and developing citadel and 'lockdown' procedures
- Emergency response reporting lines.
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RTO DEPLOYMENT

- Maintaining a 24-hour on-board cover. Bridge watches (not bridge-wing watches)
- Recommending, supervising and advising on vessel/facility hardening
- Delivering and briefing safety and security inductions during crew changes
- Developing and implementing Citadel and Lockdown procedures
- Running and/or assessing maritime security drills
- Attending 'Toolbox' meetings. Visiting support and supply vessels
- Liaison with shore-based management and response agencies on security matters
- Working with QHSE representatives
- Daily, weekly and incident report writing.

RTO EXPERIENCE

Our Response and Training Officers have extensive knowledge and experience of maritime security operations, all having experience in an armed and un-armed provision. We also have consultants with direct and recent experience of the Oil and Gas (energy sector) with a qualification criteria that includes:

- Ex-Military, with a minimum of nine years service in the Royal Marines
- Experience in carrying out security assessments and surveys
- BOSIET (Basic Offshore Safety Induction Emergency Training) certificate
- ISPS qualified SSO or CSO certificate (Ships Security Officers or Company Security Officers)
- ENG1 medical certificate
- STCW95 basic safety training certificates
- Enhanced CRB (further qualifications may include; City and Guilds level III MSO certificate First Person on Scene, BTEC Level III medical certificate, Trauma Risk Incident Management (TRiM), Post Incident Forensic Scene Management).

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