

## **Best Practice: Port Police Operations Center**



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**Description:** Mauritius Port Police Operations Center provides an effective and inexpensive method to coordinate police and security forces of multiple facilities.

**Discussion:** The Operations Center provides an excellent method to coordinate agencies and response activities. The dedicated room includes radios, telephones, quick response cards, extensive telephone contact numbers, and is constantly monitored. This is a particularly effective method to coordinate security for an entire port area or large facility. In this particular application, the center is operated by the National Police, providing access to law enforcement frequencies and coordination with National Police elements outside of the port area.

**Potential Down-side:** No potential downside identified.

**Conclusion:** An Operations Center is a valuable way to coordinate security forces, and to provide an effective security / law enforcement interface. The continuous monitoring by a security force can significantly enhance security, safety, and operational efficiency within a port.

**Cost:** The cost of the Operations Center is limited to the cost of radios, telephones, obtaining a small room and the maintenance of continuously operating the center.