

Best Practice: Integrated Command Center



Category:	Guards and Police
Location:	Port of Acajutla, El Salvador
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POC:	N/A
WWW:	www.puertoacajutla.gob.sv

Description: Security for the port is provided by an integrated security force comprised of the Autonomous Executive Port Commission (CEPA), National Civil Police, Army and Naval Forces personnel. To ensure effective coordination and communication among these agencies, the port's command center is staffed with a representative from each agency at all times, thereby creating a fully integrated command center.

Discussion: By having a representative from each agency stationed in the command center, the port has achieved excellent interagency cooperation. This arrangement facilitates the exchange of information and allows for clear delineation of responsibilities between the agencies and greater coordination in the execution of each agency's duties.

Potential Down-side: No potential down-side identified.

Conclusion: This type of interagency arrangement in the command center will allow for an open line of communication between the different agencies. The high level of experience between all involved agencies will add extra value to the security of the port as a whole.

Cost: The cost would be minimal as certain safety measures are required while having a representative from each agency included as part of the command center detail.