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# 3 New Port Police Officers

Port Police graduates 3 from the LAPD Academy.

*Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications*

On Feb. 29, the Port Police Dept. was honored to watch three of its candidates graduate from the LAPD Police Academy.

Those three were Officers Jose Alvarez, Brandyn Anderson, and Frank Huang. Congratulations!



From left: SLO Glen Twardy, Club Member; SLO Ryan Strauss; Capt. Albert Rosario, Club Member; Officer Jose Alvarez; Officer Brandyn Anderson, Club Member; Officer Frank Huang; Det. Sgt. Rosa Reynosa; and Capt. Mike Graychick.



This floating barrier — to help prevent cargo ships and cruise liners from terrorists piloting small boats — is one of the newest techniques employed by the Port Police to keep the Harbor safe.



The floating barrier is deployed.



The Port Police Dive Team demonstrates techniques used to check under the water in protecting cargo ships and cruise lines from a possible attack from a small boat commandeered by terrorists.

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# Fighting Terrorism

Port demonstrates a floating barrier as an anti-terrorist exercise.

*Photos by Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services*

On April 23, the Port of L.A. demonstrated a new anti-terrorist exercise for the first time.

Security experts are increasingly concerned about the vulnerability of cruise ships and large cargo vessels to terrorists attacking in small watercraft. Preventing such an attack was the focus of the unique security exercise.

The exercise featured the first-ever use of the Port's Small Craft Intrusion Barrier, intended to prevent a terrorist attack similar to the one on the destroyer *USS Cole* in October 2000, when a small boat laden with explosives detonated as it approached the Navy ship in the Yemeni port of Aden.

The barrier — a floating, plastic-and-steel boom — was deployed in sections by tugboats, closing one of the Port's channels near the World Cruise Ship Terminal. At the height of the exercise, a hinged opening in the barrier was activated, enabling a Los Angeles Port Police boat to pass through. The purpose of the exercise was to gain hands-on experience with the barrier.



Protecting the Port against terrorism is serious business for the Port Police, as shown here in this demonstration.

As part of the exercise, Port Police conducted land and water-side operations simulating an increase in Port security measures that would stem from an increased threat assessment to the World Cruise Ship Terminal. These operations included hazmat, canine and tactical teams at inspection stations around the terminal through which passengers and cruise-ship supplies would pass during such an incident. Additionally, a Port Police dive team conducted an underwater sweep of the cruise ship pier.



The Port Police Dive Team play a big role in anti-terrorist maneuvers.



Part of the Port's anti-terrorist demonstration.



The Port Police's dedicated dive team has a role to play in the deployment of the floating barrier.



Many Port Police Officers participated in the deployment demonstration.