Our mission as an international organization began in 1969 when “Five Eyes” port authority jurisdictions realized it had become essential to coordinate globally to address security effectively. The original focus was on transnational crime, public safety, and critical infrastructure protection. Over the years, this has led to a series of strategic collaboration efforts and protective security solutions. Thus began the international alliance that became INTERPORTPOLICE.

Our role today continues with an added focus on prevention as a proven means to preserve and enhance security. Prevention measures include community engagement, which has successfully reduced vulnerability within port authorities and mass public environments.

As an organization, we facilitate and promulgate like minded countries’ seaport, airport, and transport security entities protective practices. This is done through senior command law enforcement and public safety officials, in cooperation with policymakers and the respective communities working together, to address public safety, security, and transnational crime challenges; developing methods for the benefit of the aviation and maritime sectors. Working together with member authorities, and adding value through:

- Representation of and advocacy for members’ views and roles at international organizations;
- Facilitating the exchange of best practices, and lessons learned;
- Developing and promulgating evidence-based guidance based on prevention, protection and preparedness protocols;
- Security assessment/audit of aviation and maritime security and quality assurance systems; and
- Facilitating delivery of quality training.

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Our power of influence has placed us at the heart of many issues. In 2010 our name changed from Association to Organization, to be inclusive of airports, seaports, transport, and border police and security. Our early work included training and professional programmes such as our police department accreditation programme in the early 1970s – Boston’s Massport being the first.

Since the 9/11 tragedy in 2001, the work of INTERPORTPOLICE has not only concentrated on assisting ports but working with national governments through policy. Our work was quickly recognized in the United States Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, Section 109 – Maritime Security Professional Training, and later our extensive multi year efforts with the development of the Port Security Act of 2006.

Internationally our collaboration has extended to governments and agencies directly and through our police officials, identifying and sharing best practices for security. In 2014, our member authorities asked us to concentrate on communications and collaboration, focusing on mass people environments because of the breakdown of command and control during mass public environment shooting incidents. For example, significant communication failures were identified as the Achilles’ heel in the 2013 Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) shooting incident. Similar but more dramatic challenges also occurred in the 2016 Brussels International Airport (BRU) bombing and 2017 Fort Lauderdale - Hollywood (FLL) international Airport shooting incident.

Over several years up to 2019, senior command staff meetings were held in Los Angeles, Hamburg, New York, Brussels, and London. The after action reviews of actual and ghost mass incidents and lessons identified led to the development of best practices focusing on a wide range of operational to crisis management requirements, to included quality assurance security management issues, resulting with the Community Security Best Practice (CSBP); available in English and Spanish. A Preview Guide is available on the INTERPORTPOLICE website home page. In addition, training modules were developed and software solutions have been identified. A public awareness programme has been established to provide jurisdiction implementation called SeeSayAct. (https://SeeSayAct.com)

Our training programmes impart lessons learned experiences and evidence based practices to develop and maintain sustainable programmes that protect critical infrastructure facilities, mass public environments, and business communities. Command law enforcement leadership led us to a broader focus on operational to crisis management communications and collaboration for any mass public environment setting and active shooter incidents.

We have, for many years, held Consultative Status with the International Maritime Organization (IMO); INTERPORTPOLICE participates actively in IMO meetings, most recently the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) and the Facilitation Committee (FAL). At MSC 106 in November 2022, we submitted a document under the agenda item on Enhancement of Maritime Security that informed the Committee of our programmes that complement IMO security measures, including CSBP, Port Security Management Systems (PSeMS) and SeeSayAct. We invited them to bring it to the attention of national authorities.

Other recent activities at IMO have included participation in FAL 46 which met virtually from 9 to 13 May 2022. INTERPORTPOLICE submitted proposals to FAL 46 to support the development of revised Guidelines for national maritime transport facilitation committees and programmes. These proposals were taken into account in developing FAL.5/Circ.47 on Guidelines for national maritime transport facilitation committees and programs.

INTERPORTPOLICE also co-sponsored a proposed set of guidelines for the prevention and suppression of the smuggling of wildlife on ships engaged in international maritime traffic. These guidelines will help border control authorities and other stakeholders to combat wildlife trafficking in the maritime sector in support of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The Committee approved FAL.5/Circ.50 on Guidelines for the prevention and suppression of the smuggling of wildlife on ships engaged in international maritime traffic.

On a practical note, in February 2022 INTERPORTPOLICE supported a regional training programme on emerging threats to maritime security, for signatory States to the Djibouti Code of Conduct held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. We will be back in Jeddah and will return as a facilitator for the High-level, Regional Meeting on the Implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, 2017 (DCoC/JA) to be held at the Jeddah Academy for Maritime Science and Security Studies from 22 to 24 November 2022.
Our objective is to make our transportation security systems and critical infrastructure safe and secure by supporting the command leadership. Public safety is paramount. Our programmes and projects are available to Government agencies and Member Organizations on a non-commercial basis.

We offer Assistance in:

- Authority Projects
- Practices & Audits
- Organization Security Assurance
- Security Management Systems
- Workforce Optimization
- Education - Train the Trainer
- Immersive Training
- Technology & Information
- Meetings, Forums & Media
- Honours & Recognition

Practices and Audits

Our Community Security Best Practice (CSBP), Port Security Management Systems (PSeMS) and audit and evaluation programmes promote effective inter-agency cooperation at national level, leading to more efficient use of resources to achieve enhanced security outcomes, addressing a range of community security and policing risk reduction based on a range of threat vectors such as insider threats, criminal activities and terrorist identification. The aim is effective threat and risk management through proven methods and techniques, including:

- Identify assets and systems
- Categories and classifications
- Identify threats
- Assess risks and risk register
- Protective security strategy
- Development, implementation and review

Operational Training

Our training programmes focus on core competencies, providing protective, prevention and preparedness education that is practical, worthwhile and focuses on tactics and outcomes. Taught by experts who have experienced day-to-day emergencies and crises and have the experience of teaching police, security and public safety officials from around the globe. Train the Trainer is a virtual programme and includes:

- See Say Act Operational Awareness
- Port Protective Security Management Systems (SeMS)
- Environment Security Strategy
- Operational Deterrence
- Risk Assessment & Verification Operations (BRAVO)
- Mass Environment Communication Strategy

Immersive Training

Tabletop exercises are often one of the best ways to assess your organization’s emergency preparedness without having to experience an actual disaster. They help validate effective procedures, build ‘muscle memory’, strengthen relationships with partners, and identify critical gaps in response and recovery efforts. Too often, however, exercises fail to take advantage of all the opportunities to learn, share, and improve techniques for emergency response and continuity of operations. Working with Global 360, we not only offer practical training, but we have also elevated the learning to a new level with an interactive experience. Our program focus on the following:

- Multiple crisis events
- MTA – active shooter
- Disasters
- Data corruption or loss of data

Communication

Along with our security programmes, it became essential to ensure jurisdictional-based communications were available that met the test of operational to crisis management capabilities. We have mentored and partnered with solution-based software companies that provide effective citizen engagement to internal communications allowing for integration into computer-added dispatch systems (CAD) and offering various jurisdictional requirements.

Portals

- SRMX - Secure Resource & Document Portal
- NetSfere VOIP global encrypted communications

The See Say Act train the trainer course is appropriate for police and security officers with responsibility for critical infrastructure and/or mass public environments or training officers for such environments. Upon completion of the course, the candidates will keep their hard copy of the manual and information, and will be assessable on the SRMX resource knowledge base portal.
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See Say Act an evidenced based counterterrorism strategy; The Atlas One Communication programme is an accompanying technology partner.

Web: https://SeeSayAct.com

We Shall Never Forget;
The 37 stars on our emblems represent our port authority friends and colleagues lost on September 11, 2001 and for those who continue in their footsteps worldwide.