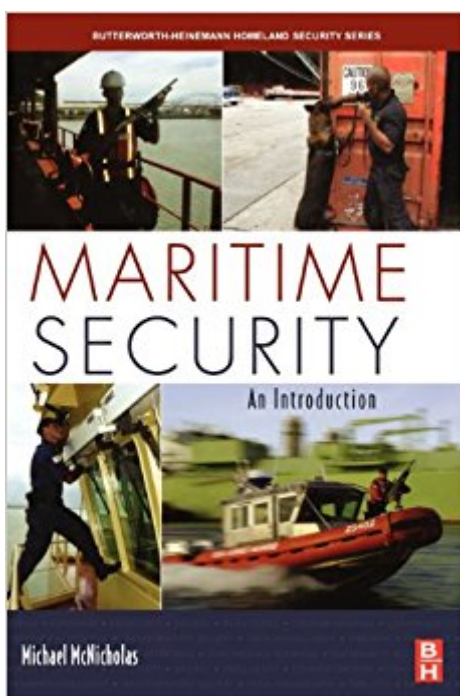


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Synopsis

The commercial maritime sector is highly vulnerable to theft and piracy, and presents a probable target for a major terrorist attack. The best way to prevent losses is to apply lessons learned in another arena—the struggle to curb drug smuggling. This effort has shown that successes can be achieved when effective and comprehensive security measures and procedures are implemented at key initial links in the cargo supply chain. The integrity and security of whole system are improved when efforts are focused at the primary "choke point" — the load seaports and their ships. This book provides practical, experience-based, and proven knowledge - and a "how-to-guide" - on maritime security. McNicholas explains in clear language how commercial seaports and vessels function; what threats currently exist; what security policies, procedures, systems, and measures must be implemented to mitigate these threats; and how to conduct ship and port security assessments and plans. Whether the problem is weapons of mass destruction or cargo theft, Maritime Security provides invaluable guidance for the professionals who protect our shipping and ports. Holds the keys to successfully designing, implementing, and managing effective port and vessel security programs in a high-risk environment Provides real-world experience in Maritime Security from the Managing Director of Phoenix Management Services Group in the USA and Panama. Offers specifics of a model port security program and case studies of effective tactics in a high-threat environment

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Maritime Security is a textbook that should be required reading for those homeland security officials, the U.S. Coast Guard, policy makers, government and private sector professionals, those who sail or take cruise ships to Western Europe, students involved in maritime security, down to hands-on level seaport security professionals and commercial maritime transport workers...Even if you are not a national security practitioner, Maritime Security is a useful reference to qualify and validate what the popular media are saying and writing about piracy.--Gene Poteat, The Intelligencer: Journal of U.S. Intelligence Studies, 16.2, 2008.

Michael McNicholas is the Managing Director of Phoenix Management Services Group in the USA, Panama, and Costa Rica, Operations Support Services (Panama), and Pathfinder Consulting, LLC in the USA. Michael has over fourteen years of distinguished and progressive Law Enforcement, Military, and Intelligence experience and, most recently, twenty years as Founder/Co-Founder of several successful professional security services corporations in Latin America and the USA. A former Non-Commissioned and Commissioned Officer (Direct Presidential Appointment) in the US Army, Mr. McNicholas served for nine years in Airborne Infantry, Military Police, and Military Intelligence units. Mr. McNicholas held a TOP SECRET security clearance in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), where he specialized in counter-narcotics trafficking and international terrorism and served on the Vice President's Narcotics Interdiction Task Force and as the CIA Liaison to US Coast Guard Intelligence. Michael designed, implemented, and managed the internationally-acclaimed seaport security program at Manzanillo International Terminal - Panama, the largest container port in Latin America. In 2003, he spearheaded the successful efforts to have Phoenix Management Services Group designated as the first "Recognized Security Organization" (RSO) by the Republic of Panama and the Dominican Republic. On behalf of the government of Panama, Phoenix evaluated and approved/rejected Ship Security Plans for over 2,500 ships in the Panama Registry. In the Dominican Republic, Phoenix conducted Port Facility Security Assessments and wrote the Port Facility Security Plans for two of the primary ports in the country. Mr. McNicholas is credited with co-pioneering the Maritime Security Team (Anti-piracy/stowaway/drug trafficking/terrorist) concept in commercial cargo shipping and has Maritime Security Teams deployed onboard container and cargo ships in the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean.

This book is a well done introduction to Maritime Security. It is informative, easy to read, and thorough as an introduction can be. He hits on all the major topics, and also touches upon several key

security concerns, not just the amorphous "terrorism". I immediately put the information learned from this text into use in my PhD coursework, and I have used bits of it in the undergraduate courses I currently teach. (EDIT: I will use it to teach a Maritime Security course in Fall 2015. It's probably THE best book out there on this topic.) It has definitely given me a broader context and better background with which to discuss issues that come up. I rented the Kindle Edition. This is brilliant. By allowing me to rent for a month, it has secured a sale of the physical book. Let me mention something about the Kindle edition. It is just OK. I thought that the publisher could have made better use of the ability to hyperlink inside the e-text. Many of the pictures were on pages well apart from the text that referred to the picture. There is no sense of pagination in the e-text either, making it impossible to cite. (This is the negative side of why I will buy the print version.) All in all, it was worth the money. (EDIT: The lack of a fifth star is due to the Kindle Edition formatting, not due to the content, which is top-notch.)

Firstly, let me inform that I just read nearly 75% of the book as I skipped sections that do not have anything to do with my professional interests, but I took a look on those sections. The ISPS Code issued after September 11 highlighted the importance of the maritime security area and the above book covers a wide range of subject concerning such area. Reference, however, is also made to SOLAS and MARPOL rules. The initial chapters give readers a general notion about commercial and port operation topics that affect every entity involved in maritime business. Those chapters help readers to having a broader view of the above business. The book is full of photos that provide visual support for every reader to figure out what it is exposed in writing along the book.

Nevertheless, I just regret the bad quality of many photos. Very practical and helpful hints are supplied all along the book that surprised me. It is important to draw attention that port terminals exporting to the USA must comply with all requirements of the ISPS Code, so that port security is a key subject nowadays. As the book is a up-to-date publication, readers will enjoy getting to know modern equipment and devices that might be used in security prevention tasks, many being totally new to me. Finally, the final chapter provides an interesting examination of information security.

This is such an interesting and eye-opening book I've read, (that was non-fictional in years) since my time in the army !! Should be taught in High Schools to teach awareness of danger in our surroundings! Also the author is smart and hot !!

Complete and concise. Love it.

bought this book and studied on my own. got an A. the book is good very informative. worth the money

I have only just received this volume and had a good look at it. As an introductory book on this topic, it is excellent. The text is easy to read and relevant. Some of the pictures are a bit unclear but overall the book is well worth the investment.

Without a doubt, this is the most comprehensive and informative guide on this subject ever published. A must read for all management and security staff involved with the transportation business. Clearly the author has been there "and got the t-shirt". And yet the material is not anecdotal. It is well-organized with very specific descriptions and instructions.

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