

David Foster

Director of Homeland Security, Port of San Diego

Dave Foster is the Director of Homeland Security for the Port of San Diego (PoSD). He manages the Port's emergency management, physical security, and Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) funded programs. His duties include coordinating security efforts with the Port of San Diego Information Security, Safety and Maritime operations. The Port of San Diego (PoSD) Emergency Management Program includes typical emergency management elements including developing and sustaining collaborative engagement with Federal, state and local government agencies and the extensive US Navy presence, the largest concentration of Naval bases and vessels on the West Coast. Dave is active within the Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC), serving on the Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) subcommittee, as well as coordinating with the USCG Sector San Diego on homeland security related issues. Dave also serves on the Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) subcommittee for the California Maritime Security Council (CMSC), the State of California's equivalent of the AMSC. He also serves on the CMSC subcommittee updating the California State Maritime Security Strategy.

Dave is a retired law enforcement officer with 27 years of experience and a US Army veteran having served for 10 years. This background is a foundation for his current responsibilities. The Port of San Diego encompasses a large U.S. Navy presence, cargo and cruise ship operations, sport and commercial fishing, robust recreational water activity, and a vibrant tourism industry. This diversity coupled with the proximity to the international border present challenges and opportunities for the Port of San Diego as it develops and enhances its Maritime Domain Awareness, security initiatives and emergency preparedness.