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DSAC Liaison Information Report (LIR)

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9 December 2011

(U) Protesters Plan to Shut Down Ports on West Coast

(U) Occupy Wall Street (OWS) groups are advocating a collaborative effort to shutdown major ports on the west coast on 12 December 2011. Occupy groups that plan to participate in the coordinated shutdown include OWS groups located in Los Angeles, San Diego, Houston, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Oakland, and Vancouver. According to an OWS spokesperson, smaller cities plan to direct their supporters to these ports. The potential impacts of the port shutdowns include transit delays, blocked roads, commercial disruptions, and possible violence.

(U) In November 2011, the Occupy Wall Street (OWS) Movement targeted the ports in Oakland. During this protest, it was reported that thousands of Occupy supporters gathered at the Port of Oakland disrupting evening operations at the port. Protesters used metal chains and human body chains in an attempt to prevent longshoremen and truckers from entering and exiting the port. A few incidents of violence were reported by the Oakland Police Department; however, reported violence was not between the protestors and the drivers or longshoremen. Despite their large numbers, protestors were only able to partially shut down the port by delaying the arrival and/or departure of a handful of ships.

(U//FOUO) The Port of Anchorage has determined the following: The International Longshore Workers Union and the Anchorage Independent Longshore Union have advised the OWS Movement that they will not support any disruption to the Port. According to information on the OWS Movement website, the plan is to meet for a lunch time BBQ on 12 December 2011 and then march at 1300 from around 6th and C heading to the Port. Representatives of the OWS Movement have stated that they want a peaceful protest of the Port. Additionally, representatives of the Port of Anchorage stated there is no pedestrian access to the Port and sidewalk access ends just after the A Street Bridge.

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The Anchorage Police Department (APD) added that there will be no uniformed APD presence unless the situation escalates.

(U//FOUO) In regards to the 12 December 2011 planned protest, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) has stated that the actions of the OWS Movement may or may not be coordinated with organized labor actions at the affected ports and presently, there are no indications that protesters plan to use violence against people entering or leaving ports, but advise personnel reporting for duty there to remain alert to the possibility of civil disturbances that might lead to conflict between protesters and law enforcement, and to avoid becoming involved in such conflicts.

(U//FOUO) U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has responded to the pending port shutdowns in their areas of responsibilities as follows: ICE San Diego is coordinating with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). They do not plan to assist with any law enforcement operations unless requested. ICE Seattle is in contact with the U.S. Coast Guard and has a Port of Seattle police officer assigned to the Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST) in Seattle. They will continue to monitor the situation but do not have an active role at this time.

(U//FOUO) ICE San Francisco has undertaken the following proactive measures: They are coordinating with CBP and the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure security, safety and the continuity of operations. They are also partnering with local law enforcement agencies. It is important to note that local law enforcement agencies have limited cooperation with ICE/ Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) due to sanctuary policies enacted by local governments. Finally, ICE San Francisco will ensure that the San Francisco (BEST) and all local agents are alerted to the possibility of a shutdown. Assistance from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is available if requested.

(U//FOUO) Basic security for the Port of Oakland remains the responsibility of local law enforcement agencies and not ICE/HSI; however, ICE/HSI is prepared to respond and offer assistance to local law enforcement, consistent with their training and authorities.

(U) Tips for reducing vulnerability in the event of civil unrest.¹

(U) Civil unrest can range in form from small, organized rallies to large-scale demonstrations and rioting. People may be harmed by being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Following are suggested safety tips.

- Avoid all large gatherings related to civil issues. Even seemingly peaceful rallies can spur violent activity or be met with resistance by security forces. Bystanders may be arrested or harmed by security forces using water cannons, tear gas or other measures to control crowds.
- Maintain a low profile by avoiding demonstration areas and discussions of the issues at hand, and by dressing conservatively.
- If violence erupts or is imminent, leave the area as quickly as possible. If you cannot leave the area, seek shelter in large, public buildings such as hotels,

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churches, hospitals and museums. Wait until the crowds have dissipated before going back outside.

- If you know of an event ahead of time, plan pedestrian and vehicular routes that avoid the affected areas. Road closures and traffic delays are possible. Give yourself extra time to travel.
- If curfews are imposed, strictly observe regulations and monitor the media for immediate updates to the situation.
- Severe civil unrest can significantly disrupt businesses, industries and services. If you must travel during unrest ensure that hotels and businesses will be open, services will be available and transportation will be running. Confirm all meetings and reservations.

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(U) DSAC members with further information regarding this or similar incidents should contact their local field office or the DSAC Program Office at dsac@ic.fbi.gov.

¹<https://worldcue.ijet.com/tic/DisplayIoContent.public?ioId=31212>

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