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ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURES UNVEILED AT THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES

*Mayor Villaraigosa and Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano Tour
New Training Center at Port of LA; Home to Country's First Maritime Curriculum*

*Port Police and Community to Participate in National "If You See Something, Say
Something" campaign at the Port of Los Angeles.*

LOS ANGELES -- Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano toured the new Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center (MLETC) at the Port of Los Angeles today where they announced the implementation of increased security measures at the nation's largest port.

"To keep the Port of Los Angeles safe, we must invest in our personnel and provide them with the latest training tactics and procedures to be on alert for any signs of potential terrorism," said Mayor Villaraigosa. "The Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center will equip our state and local police with the knowledge and skills they need to perform their duties to keep our Port secure."

The new MLETC will teach the country's first maritime curriculum, which was specifically designed to train state and local law enforcement personnel and provide them with advanced instruction for crewmembers aboard law enforcement and public safety vessels operated by local authorities. Course curriculum includes boat handling, chart reading, and navigation rules. Additionally, students will receive comprehensive training on maritime boardings, arrest procedures, vessel identification, searches, and counter-terrorism practices and procedures. The curriculum was approved by both the Department

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of Homeland Security and the California Emergency Management Agency. It is California Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified, consistent with current federal doctrine, and will be made available to municipal, county, state or federal law enforcement personnel who require maritime skill sets to perform their duties.

Secretary of Homeland Security Napolitano and Mayor Villaraigosa also announced the expansion of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) "If You See Something, Say Something™" campaign at the Port of Los Angeles.

"The Department of Homeland Security is committed to working with the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Police Department, and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in our ongoing efforts to strengthen security across Los Angeles and throughout the country," said Secretary of Homeland Security Napolitano. "Expanding the 'If You See Something, Say Something™' campaign in Los Angeles is an important part of our efforts to partner with the public to keep our country safe and resilient."

Launched in 2010 by Secretary Napolitano, the Department's "If You See Something, Say Something™" program is a national public awareness campaign that uses education materials, advertisements, and other outreach tools to engage travelers, businesses, community organizations, and public and private sector employees to remain alert and play an active role in keeping our country safe.

"We are honored that Secretary Napolitano is expanding the "If You See Something, Say Something™" campaign to the Port and the surrounding community," Villaraigosa said. "We all have a role to play in keeping our city and our country safe and I encourage all Angelenos to participate in this campaign."

In October 2009, the Los Angeles Police Department unveiled iWATCH, the community component of "If You See Something, Say Something™", calling it the 21st century version of the Neighborhood Watch.

"We are pleased to support 'If You See Something, Say Something™' through our participation in the iWATCH program," Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd said. "It makes this day where we recognize the partnering of the Regional Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center with our DHS friends even greater."

"If You See Something, Say Something™" is already in use at other locations around Los Angeles including Los Angeles International Airport, Union Station and throughout the rail system, and the 2011 NBA All-Star Game.

"We plan to expand the "If You See Something, Say Something™" campaign through public education, website availability and other tools for members of our community who use the MTA transit system and play an active role in keeping it safe," said Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca.

There are four ways to make a report:

- Report online at www.iWATCHLA.org
- Call 1-877-A-THREAT
- Call your local police station and speak to a desk officer
- Call 911 for an emergency

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