Los Angeles Port Police

Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center

In Partnership with:

Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
U.S. Department of State (ATA)
State of California
Los Angeles County Sheriff’s
Los Angeles Police Department
Long Beach Police Department
San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s
The Port of Los Angeles, in partnership with the State of California Emergency Management Agency, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, has developed the country’s first Maritime Training Center specifically designed to train state and local law enforcement personnel. The course offerings are based on Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) curricula and have been jointly developed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Los Angeles Port Police, Long Beach Police Department, Los Angeles Police Department, and FLETC staff. Representatives from the U.S. Department of State Anti-Terrorism (ATA) Program have also expressed an interest in utilizing our facilities and programs.

The MLETC training focus provides basic through advanced instruction for crewmembers on law enforcement and public safety vessels operated by local authorities. Coursework includes boat handling, charting, navigation rules, vessel boarding, arrest procedures, vessel identification, searches, and counter-terrorism practices. The courses will be California Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified and consistent with current training doctrine. The courses are available to municipal, county, state or federal law enforcement and military personnel who require maritime skill sets to perform their duties.

All training is conducted at the new Port of Los Angeles Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center (MLETC). MLETC training staff is comprised of members of the Los Angeles Port Police, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Los Angeles Police Department, and the Long Beach Police Department. It is augmented by a variety of local, state, and federal agency staff, including the United States Coast Guard. Federal Law Enforcement Training Center courses are taught by FLETC trained and certified MLETC instructors.

Initial funding, for course development and facility upgrades, was provided through state and federal grants. Continued funding will be provided by a combination of student tuition and grant funds.

The Los Angeles/Long Beach port complex is an ideal location for this type of facility due to generally optimal weather conditions, the excellent Federal, State, County and Municipal training cadre, and access to local resources. The doctrine and strategies taught at the MLETC in areas, such as Maritime Interoperability and Small Vessel Security, fill a critical gap in maritime tactical training at the state and local levels.

It is a true testament to inter-agency cooperation when agencies, at all levels of government, come together to fill a gap such as this. By dedicating this beautiful state-of-the-art facility and significant personnel resources to the endeavor, the Port of Los Angeles has demonstrated its commitment to maritime safety and security. This commitment and the multi-agency cooperation towards curriculum development ensure that this facility is the best of its kind in the world.
The Port of Los Angeles — America’s Port® and the premier gateway for international commerce is located in San Pedro Bay, 20 miles south of downtown Los Angeles. This thriving seaport not only sustains its competitive edge with record setting cargo operations, but is also known for its ground breaking environmental initiatives, progressive security measures, diverse recreational and educational facilities, and an emerging LA Waterfront.

The Port of Los Angeles encompasses 7,500 acres of land and water along 43 miles of waterfront. It features 25 passenger and cargo terminals, including automobile, breakbulk, container, dry and liquid bulk, and warehouse facilities that handle billions of dollars worth of cargo each year.

When measured by container throughput, the Port has consecutively ranked as the number one port in the nation for the last decade.

Amidst the backdrop of international trade and shipping, the Port of Los Angeles also boasts the bustling World Cruise Center, quaint Ports O’ Call Village, welcoming Vincent Thomas Bridge, signature Fanfare Fountains and Water Features, historic Angels Gate Lighthouse, vintage Waterfront Red Car Line, and new green space at 22nd Street Park.

With an exceptional credit record, the Port maintains an Aa2 bond rating, the highest assigned to any seaport in the United States, operating without the benefit of taxpayer support. The Port also wields tremendous economic impact, generating employment for more than 3.3 million Americans nationwide. In California alone, nearly one million jobs are related to trade through the Port of Los Angeles.
Complementing its busy terminal operations with green alternatives, the Port of Los Angeles remains committed to managing resources and conducting Port developments and operations in both an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner.

The Port of Los Angeles — America’s Port®
As one of few police forces in the nation dedicated exclusively to 24-hour port activities, the Los Angeles Port Police are responsible for patrol and surveillance of the Port of Los Angeles and neighboring Harbor Area communities. As California peace officers, the Port Police enforce Federal, State and local public safety statutes as well as environmental and maritime safety regulations. Highly regarded among specialized law enforcement agencies, the primary goal of the Port Police is to maintain the free flow of commerce and produce a safe, secure environment that promotes uninterrupted Port operations.
Available POST Certified Courses

Basic Maritime Officer’s Course

Intermediate Maritime Officer’s Course

Public Safety Dive Course

**Basic Maritime Officer’s Course**

Two weeks (80 hours)

This course was designed for the newly assigned officer/deputy. It covers boating terminology, boat handling skills, navigation, weather, boating law, trailering, launch and recovery, marlinespike, vessel stops, response to emergencies, and water survival.

**Intermediate Maritime Officer’s Course**

One Week (40 hours)

If your duties include security zone enforcement of a high value asset, then this course is a must. It will cover terrorism, security zone terminology, enforcement theory and practice, boat tactics, and tactical electronics.

**Public Safety Dive Course**

Six Weeks (240 hours)

This is an advanced class designed to provide the student diver with the knowledge and skills they need to minimize the risks associated with Public Safety Diving. Confined and open water dives enable students to experience search & rescue techniques, salvage theory & techniques, river, canal, surf, and hull searches, navigation, night, low, and zero visibility, deep diving, full face mask, underwater communications, dry suit, and contaminated water, altitude and cold water environments.
Electronic Navigation Training Program  
Three Days (24 hours)

This course introduces the students to the principles of navigation. It describes the decision processes made by the Vessel Commander (VC) or a Marine Enforcement Officer (MEO), to navigate safely. The student will learn how to determine position, direction, and solve time, speed, and distance problems. Today’s navigation is highly dependent upon electronic plotters and receivers; when used properly, they provide timely and accurate solutions. Pursuant to a needs assessment, it was determined that a high percentage of marine officers were working with and relying up marine electronics to help fulfill their duties and many were doing so without professional training. The ENTP was created as an export program so the students can work with their own equipment and within their own environment.

Boat Operator Anti-Terrorism Training Program  
One Week (40 hours)

This training program is designed to instruct the experienced marine law enforcement officer in advanced skills required to operate vessels in anti-terrorism/port security operations. This course of instruction provides students the skill to recognize potential terrorism targets, possible delivery methods, and actions which might indicate terrorist or criminal activity. It instructs in the use of accepted terminology and tactics consistent with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security standards and the U.S. Coast Guard’s policy and procedures.

So what are our students saying?

“By far the best training I have ever been to.”

“Great class, great instructors.”

“Awesome experience.”

“This was the best law enforcement school I have ever attended.”

“Easily the best course I have taken during my career.”

Popular Training Venue

The Regional Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center has become a popular venue for a variety of courses and agencies. As you can see from the following, many agencies have taken advantage of our state of the art training facilities.
Alphabetical List of Classes Held at the MLETC

Basic Boat Operations for US Army’s CBRNE Responders
Basic Maritime Officer’s Course
FBI Dive Training
FLETC’s Electronic Navigation Training Program
Homicidal Drowning & Underwater Investigations
ICS-400
LAFD Dive Operations Training
LAFD Joint Tanker Ship Inspection
LAFD Marine Incident Command
LAPP Dive Training
LAPD Sonar Class
LBPD Dive Training
Marine Firefighting
Maritime First Responder Course
Port Security Awareness for Security Officers
Radiation Pager Course
Security Awareness and Emergency Preparedness
Surface Supply Air Class

Alphabetical List of Agencies Trained at the MLETC

California Highway Patrol
Customs & Border Protection
Drug Enforcement Agency
Homeland Security Investigations
Immigration & Customs Enforcement
Long Beach Fire Department
Long Beach Police Department
Los Angeles City Lifeguards
Los Angeles County Fire Department
Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department
Los Angeles Fire Department
Los Angeles Police Department
Los Angeles Port Police Department
National Marine Fisheries Service
National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Association
Newport Beach Fire Department
Oceanside Police Department
Orange County Lifeguards
Port of Seattle Police Department
San Diego Harbor Patrol
San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Department
San Mateo Sheriff’s Department
United States Army
United States Navy
Vessels Used for Training

METAL SHARK 28’ Relentless

- Length: 28’
- Beam: 10’
- Power: Twin 225 HP Honda Outboards
- Weight (Approx.): 8,000 pounds
- Top Speed (Approx.): 45 Kts

ZODIAC LE2800

- Length: 28’
- Beam: 10’
- Power: Twin 250 HP Honda Outboards
- Weight (Approx.): 4,500 pounds
- Top Speed (Approx.): 50 Kts