



COOPERATION BETWEEN MARITIME AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS

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PRIOR 911

- ◆ Intelligence services maintained multiple operation and collection centers.
- ◆ Communication between agencies depended on non-uniformed lines of communication.
- ◆ Central collection was non-existent.
- ◆ Inspection information was not shared.

Following 911

- ◆ Establishment of “fusion” units locally and regionally.
- ◆ Clear lines of communication and reporting.
- ◆ Clearing house of information.

REGIONAL FUSION CENTER

- ◆ Maintains situation and resource status-- allocates resources as appropriate
- ◆ Modeled after USCG Incident Command System (ICS)
- ◆ Principal liaison to crisis and consequence.
- ◆ Collects, analyzes, and disseminates intelligence information
- ◆ Provides tactical intelligence briefs
- ◆ Central point of contact for homeland security operations
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Fusion Center Mission:

- ◆ Provide tactically actionable, timely intelligence in support of Homeland Security, Counter-drug operations, Living Marine Resources Enforcement, Alien Migration, Environmental, International Engagement, National Security, Search and Rescue, Marine Safety, and Aids to Navigation

Partners:

- ◆ Other Homeland Security agencies including: FEMA, Customs, Immigration, Border Control.
- ◆ FBI
- ◆ Local Law enforcement

What they do:

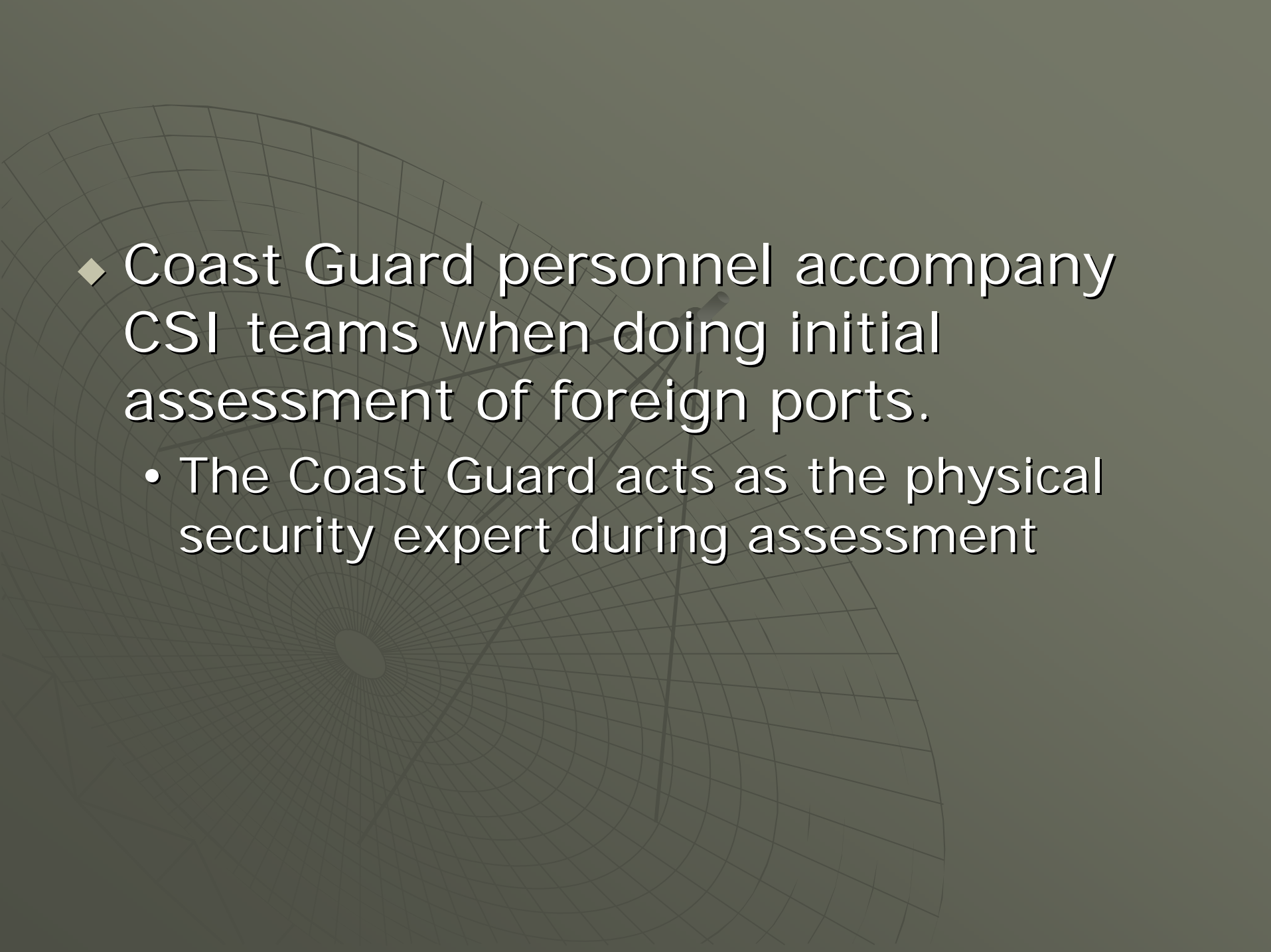
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What happens to the information?

- ◆ The Fusion Center produces the Daily Status Report
- ◆ Information is passed to local port security committee and Joint Terrorist Task Force (JTTF)
- ◆ Status report is analyzed at national level

OTHER INITIATIVES

- ◆ Because of different jurisdictions, yet similar areas of expertise, combining tasks works well for both the Coast Guard and Customs.

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- ◆ Coast Guard personnel accompany CSI teams when doing initial assessment of foreign ports.
 - The Coast Guard acts as the physical security expert during assessment

Joint container inspections



Share assets and assists in drug enforcement & search and rescue



Joint vessel inspections

