



INTERPORTPOLICE

International
Organization of
Airport and Seaport
Police

Preventative Security Collaboration

Working together globally to keep us safe





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Since 1968, our global community of airport and seaport law enforcement agencies has worked together to confront terrorism and serious transnational crime. For more than five decades, we have advanced shared methods of detection, disruption, and prevention — always providing a visible and reassuring presence for the traveling public, and supporting a resilient global supply chain..

Our mission continues to evolve, but one principle remains constant: we must continuously reassess vulnerabilities to build effective and enduring resilience.

That mission is never-ending.

An aerial photograph of a port and airport area. The top half shows a city with a river and industrial buildings. The bottom half shows an airport runway and taxiway. A large orange vertical bar covers the right side of the image, containing white text.

With 58 years of international engagement, our member police and public safety authorities—together with the broader security community and industry partners—continue to collaborate to strengthen the safety and security of the communities we serve. These efforts have produced some of the highest levels of preventive security programming, supported by appropriate and evolving technologies to address today's threat environment. This collective work enhances the resilience of transportation networks and critical infrastructure systems, creating a safer and more secure environment for the public & supply chain.



About **INTERPORTPOLICE**

INTERPORTPOLICE was established in 1968 as a specialised security organization by and for the support of port police authorities from Canada, Netherland, United Kingdom, and the United States. Over the years our mission has expanded to integrate efforts at an intergovernmental level with associated partners to address the challenges of transnational crime and counterterrorism, by protecting our transport systems, our critical infrastructure, and the supply chains to help protect the world's transportation systems and port communities. Protective and preventive policing and security is that aspect of law enforcement that provides a deterrent to crime and terrorism and is a defining characteristic of modern policing and security.

We are committed to effective global protective security by working with our authorities and key partners.

Together, we are a Global Force!

INTERPORTPOLICE 's Role

Our objective is to enhance the safety and security of transportation systems and the critical infrastructure that supports them by empowering command leadership.

Protecting the public has become increasingly vital as the scale and sophistication of international crime affecting airports and seaports continue to escalate, with criminals demonstrating fewer barriers or deterrents to their activities.

The INTERPORTPOLICE plays a central role in international law enforcement and security by working with global partners to protect aviation, maritime, and border systems. Our efforts span the full spectrum of security—information, physical, cyber, and personnel—ensuring comprehensive support for public safety and operational resilience.

We achieved this through:

- Recommendations for mitigation practices based on lessons learned from past events coupled with comprehensive understanding of threat scenarios. History has shown that past incidents and lessons learned have not always been implemented and so fail to create future preparedness
- Developing positive security cultures. Developing and sustaining an effective security culture is an essential component of a protective security regime and helps mitigate against a range of threats that could cause physical, reputational, or financial damage to organisations.
- Programmes that focus on the core requirement of providing prevention, protection, and preparedness awareness that is both practical and operationally usable, by using methods and processes based on experience from day-to-day operations and from emergencies and crises.

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For a Safer Community

   

 





A warm welcome to our home

HELPING YOU HIT THE BULLSEYE EVERY TIME YOU PARK. THAT'S HESSEN INTELLIGENT MOBILITY.





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Changing the Mindset

Strengthening the security mindset of the workforce is one of the most effective steps an authority can take. Relying solely on reactive responses to incidents inevitably leads to vulnerability and complacency. A proactive approach—grounded in heightened security awareness and the early identification and mitigation of potential risks—has consistently proven to be far more effective in reducing threats and enhancing overall resilience.

Implementing layered security through multiple coordinated processes and procedures strengthens an organization's defense-in-depth and enhances overall resilience. The Port Security Best Practice (PSBP) integrates best practices, lessons learned, and the Port Security Management System (PSeMS) to provide clear, top-down guidance on key security issues within a unified framework. The Practice Guide, combined with a diagnostic self-assessment GAP audit, helps security teams and police identify vulnerabilities and apply proportionate, effective mitigation measures.



INTERPORTPOLICE 's Work

**Over the years,
international crime
impacting local and
regional authorities
has continued to
escalate.**

INTERPORTPOLICE plays a vital role in international law enforcement and security by working with global partners to protect aviation, maritime, and border environments, strengthening public safety and security.

Our efforts support the development of a positive organizational security culture, ensuring agencies are better prepared to address today's evolving threat landscape.

We recognize that senior-level responsibility and accountability are essential to advancing security initiatives across the authority. With guidance from member authorities and partners, we implement programs that deliver measurable results in collaborative security, communications, training, cyber readiness, and emerging AI-based solutions.





Relationships and Partnerships

The INTERPORTPOLICE operates on a foundation of close collaboration with police and public safety authorities worldwide. We also maintain strategic partnerships across the security sector, academia, and industry to support shared priorities and strengthen operational effectiveness.

We hold consultative status with the UN's International Maritime Organization (IMO), and work closely with them and their member Nations on measures that include international law development, and programmes and projects providing guidance and recommended practices for the protection of shipping and port and terminal facilities.

Paramaribo, Suriname, working with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS), and the UN's Office of Drugs and Crime UNODC, developing a regional strategy for maritime security and maritime law enforcement.

Over a three-year period, (2018 - 2020) we participated in an EU grant-funded programme supporting the SAURON Project in multiple EU port scenarios. The project addressed the prevention, detection, response, and mitigation of combined physical and cyber threats to critical infrastructure.

In collaboration with the Morrone 9/11 Center, we support the SeeSayAct.com project. The

SSA project is a community based security awareness programme using the PSBP guidance and PSeMS best practises for the protection of seaports and airports.

We serve as vice-chair of NATO's Combined Joint Operation from the Sea (CJOS) Centre of Excellence; Information Sharing Workgroup focusing on maritime security technology.

With proven procedures for incident after-action reviews and their subsequent analysis we have supported over twenty-five police authorities, security agencies, and national governments. This body of evidence has contributed to the Port Security Best Practice (PSBP) guidance. This guidance is designed to support security protection for mass people environments, transportation systems and critical infrastructure.

Current efforts include cybersecurity risk practices, from awareness, denial mitigation (phishing), essential community preparedness, and collaborative authority information sharing. [US CFR Part 101SPF; MSC428(98) & MSC FAL1C3R3; EU NUS2; IACS 7/24; CA MTSR; AU/UK/PSA]



INTERPORTPOLICE's Governance

The INTERPORTPOLICE is governed by a Board of Governors and assembly members. The Executive Team brings extensive expertise in policing, security operations, critical infrastructure protection, risk mitigation, training, and diplomatic and public affairs. Together, they provide broad, first-hand operational experience to support and strengthen member authorities.

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Visit our website for further information and contact details. Learn more about how your authority can become part of the global team, working together to protect public safety and critical infrastructure.

As a Global Force; INTERPORTPOLICE offers:

- Representation at regulation and policy development fora of United Nations and other international organizations;
- Opportunities to participate in INTERPORTPOLICE delegations to United Nations and other international organizations;
- Opportunities to contribute to the development of guidance and best practices for the transport security and law enforcement sectors, including through lessons learned;
- Opportunities for staff to access, deliver, receive and develop high quality training courses and material from preventative, active shooter response, cybersecurity, and port security system management. Our education programs are in conjunction with the Morrone 9/11 Center for Counterterrorism and Security (a 501c3 nonprofit - (registered in the US and UK);
- Access to guidance and best practices developed by other INTERPORTPOLICE member organizations;
- Support to members' interests when promoting national inter-agency cooperation;
- Opportunities to participate in impartial security assessment and audits of members' security and law enforcement systems;
- Participation in a global recognition and awards programme for individuals and organizations; and



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INTERPORTPOLICE (IAASP) is identified as a consultative body in the US 2002 MTSA PL107-295 Sec. 109 (a) (2); and holds Consultative Statutes in the United Nations' International Maritime Organization (IMO).

