PORT FACILITY
SECURITY OFFICER (PFSO)

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Those who successfully complete this course will be able to discharge the duties of PFSO, which typically include:
• Conducting an initial security survey of the port facility;
• Ensuring the development, maintenance and implementation of the Port Facility Security Plan;
• Enhancing security awareness and vigilance of the port facility personnel including training;
• Reporting to the authorities; maintaining records of occurrences that threaten the security of the facility;
• Coordinating with security services, as appropriate;
• Ensuring that security equipment is properly operated, tested, calibrated and maintained

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is approved by the Directorate General (Shipping), Govt. of India. It provides knowledge in communicating and coordinating effectively between ship and shore in matters of assessment of port security, development and implementation of port security plan, undertaking security inspections, reporting deficiencies, enhancing security awareness and coordinating with security agencies.

PARTICIPANTS

Shore-based personnel, who will be able to coordinate between ship and shore on matters of security- preferably with knowledge, understanding and experience of shipping and port/terminal operations. Those who may be designated to perform the duties and responsibilities of a Port Facility Security Officer.

DURATION

Two & half days

KEY TOPICS

• Introduction: Current security threats in the maritime context.
• Maritime security policies: Relevant international conventions.
• Security responsibilities: Roles of SSO, CSO, PFSO
• Workshop on: Security Assessment, security survey, documentation
• Security plan: Contents, review/ revision
• Threat identification/response. Preparedness, drills/ exercises
• Piracy & armed robbery
• Actions required by different security levels and communication channels
• Security administration. Documentation, security audits, reporting of non-conformities, records
• Security training
• Approval of security plan