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PORT OF LOS ANGELES ADDS TWO SAFE™ BOATS TO PORT POLICE FLEET

SAN PEDRO, CA – As part of its approach to continually update the Port of Los Angeles' comprehensive security plan, the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners unanimously approved a contract with SAFE™ (Secure Around Flotation Equipped) Boats International for two, state-of-the-art Port Police patrol boats, used to protect and maintain the Port's borders and boost waterside security.



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The SAFE™ Boats will cost approximately \$800,000 and are funded in part by the Transportation Security Administration's latest round of federal grants. The U.S. Coast Guard uses identical boats, which feature full, 31- and 36-foot cabins and a lightweight construction that allows a faster response time.

"Adding the SAFE™ Boats will provide uniformity with current Coast Guard maritime safety and security teams," said George Cummings, the Port's Director of Homeland Security. "These modern boats uphold our integrated approach to security operations within the Port of Los Angeles."

The two rapid-response SAFE™ Boats will be used to patrol the Port's 3300 acres of water, which spans 43 miles.

The Los Angeles Port Police is the only U.S. police force dedicated exclusively to port activities. Port Police enforce all federal, state and local laws applicable to Port responsibilities, including cargo protection, pollution investigation, vessel traffic control and narcotics interdiction.

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