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Safety And Security Education And Research (SASER) Conference 2009

SASER 2009 was held in conjunction with the Pacific Maritime Port Security and Resilience Summit in Downtown Seattle. You can find out more about this year's SASER conference by visiting:

<http://www.rhppublishing.com/mpshome.htm>.

In SASER 2009, over 150 representatives from federal, state, and local government; industry; and academia came together May 28 and 29, 2009, in Seattle for the Maritime and Port Security Summit. The Pacific Rim Visualizations & Analytics Center (PARVAC) panel consisted of Professor Mark Haselkorn (Professor & Director of PARVAC, University of Washington), Sara Curran (Associate Professor & Associate Director of Center for Studies in Demography & Ecology, University of Washington), Don Gemeinhardt (Director of Center for Security Solutions, RT International), and Anne Goodchild (Assistant Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Washington). The staff from the University of Washington addressed the conceptual framework for maritime security and region resilience.

Peter Philips, Publisher of Pacific Maritime Magazine, which hosted the summit, welcomed attendees and moderated a roundtable discussion of elected officials from the Port of Seattle, Port of Tacoma, King County Council, and state legislature. Slade Gorton, Fomrer U.S. Senator and member of the 911 Commission, provided the opening address, and Congressman Dave Reichert (7th District) provided the luncheon address on the first day.

Another key speaker was General Victor E. Renuart, Commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. Renuart has been a member of the U.S. Air Force for over 30 years, with command

assignments in the U.S. and overseas. In 2006, he was selected as the senior military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.

Other panel discussions included:

- Representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the U.S. Army sharing their strategic jurisdictional integration for effective threat response and economic resiliency authority
- Panelists from APM Terminals, BNSF, Puget Sound Pilots, Roadlink, and Alaska Air Cargo providing insights on how they handle operational security and resiliency.

The director of Emergency Management and Security at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and his chief scientist also described how they manage risk at one of the largest ports in America. Leaders of the U.S. Coast Guard, Seattle Fire Department, Washington State Department of Transportation, and the local union also walked through a case study on response and resiliency. Admiral John Currier of the USCG provided the closing comments.

The summit was held in conjunction with the second annual University of Washington Conference on Safety and Security Education and Research (SASER). Presented by Pacific Maritime Magazine, the summit was also hosted by the Pacific Rim Visualization and Analytics Center (PARVAC), the Institute for National Security Research and Education at the University of Washington, Securitas, the ports of Seattle and Tacoma, and the Washington State Department of Transportation.