



# Securitas Critical Infrastructure Services Navigates its First Maritime Security Contract



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**Maritime Security that meets federal government requirements is now among the specialized services that Securitas Critical Infrastructure Services (SCIS) provides to government and industry.**

For the past year, SCIS has provided an extra level of security for U.S. Navy warships undergoing upgrades and repairs. This type of highly regulated service is provided under US Navy Force Protection provisions.

The 27-foot harbor security vessels operated and staffed by armed SCIS officers continuously patrol the restricted area around each Navy ship in port.

"Our security team serves as a deterrent and helps prevent anyone from entering the area who is suspicious or doesn't belong there," says Curtis Bounds, site supervisor. "We are the gatekeepers who protect Navy assets that are in port."

The SCIS maritime officers are proficient in boat operations and receive advanced training in skills such as the proper response to onboard fires, "man overboard" emergencies, and vessel intercept

techniques. Inherent risks involved in maritime patrols, including high winds and rough seas, require a high skill level and a strong focus on safety.

"Our officers are highly trained security professionals and also skilled in boat operations and maneuvers," adds Bounds, whose background includes a Homeland Security degree and service with the Army National Guard as a Blackhawk pilot.

SCIS operates two harbor security vessels, alternating with crew changes to maintain the 24/7 patrols. The officers maintain contact with security personnel on the Navy vessels and in the shipyard to identify potential risks. An emergency response plan that involves those entities, as well as local law enforcement, is in place in the event a serious incident occurs.



The involved SCIS client is the largest supplier of U.S. Navy surface combatants, and has built nearly 70% of the U.S. Navy fleet of warships at its 800-acre facility. The award of the maritime security contract is a credit to SCIS' highly successful track record as a

provider of specialized security, fire and emergency response services to the aerospace/defense, aviation, and energy industries, as well as many U.S. Government agencies.



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