

Transportation

Port Everglades

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Kroll Security Group (KSG) was retained by Port Everglades to conduct a security threat assessment. The objective of the assessment was to identify potential threats and vulnerabilities to the Port's physical and procedural security that could result in a significant loss of life, operational capacity, or have a major impact on the area economy.

A physical survey of the property was conducted from both landside and waterside perspectives that included the site, cargo areas, and buildings within the port facility to identify gaps and overlaps in the existing physical security measures. A threat profile was created based on these elements. In addition to the physical survey, KSG reviewed existing security documentation for the Port to include post orders, incident reports, procedures manuals and crisis plans.

It was important that all elements of the security program worked in concert with each other to achieve an effective and efficient approach to physical security.

The findings and recommendations were documented in a Security Threat Assessment Report, which encompassed the evaluation of the existing security practices and measures at the Port based on current security climate and the threat profile developed in the study. The report was intended to meet the requirements of F.S. 311.12 (2) (a) for the seaport director to conduct quarterly assessments of security risks and possible risks related to terrorist activities.

The recommendations were in addition to the basic requirements and guidelines from the Department of

Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Transportation, Federal Emergency Management Administration, Customs & Border Protection, Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, Business Anti-Smuggling Coalition, Florida Statutes (Specifically Chapter 311), Broward County Sheriff's Office, and Local Authorities Having Jurisdiction.

More than 5,300 ships call at Port Everglades in a year forming the basis of a diverse maritime operation that includes a thriving cruise industry and a reputation as the "world's best cruise port," a growing containerized cargo business that establishes Port Everglades among the nation's top seaports, a major petroleum storage and distribution hub, South Florida's primary bulk cargo depot and a favorite U.S. Navy liberty port.

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Total Area: 2,190 Acres, 20 Buildings

