



Fishermen's Terminal Security Town Hall Recap

Event Details

Date: Thursday, March 7

Location: Fishermen's Center Building, Suite 315 and virtual call-in via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Fishermen's Terminal and Salmon Bay Marina tenants and customers, and Port of Seattle staff

Purpose: Address security concerns following February 18 break in

Incident Overview from Port Police

- Fishermen's Green Market and Deli was broken into during the early morning hours of February 18. First the front window was smashed, then perpetrators tied a tow strap to the ATM inside and attempted to pull it out using a pickup truck. They were unable to remove the ATM, however caused substantial damage to the front of the building and stole a generator and several credit card numbers. The perpetrators also broke a window and stole cash from a register at Wild Salmon Market, and vandalized a vehicle owned by UnCruise Adventures.
- The Port PD was able to utilize footage from tenants' cameras and Port cameras to provide baseline details of the perpetrators. Port PD is pursuing leads and working with external partners to identify the perpetrators.

Overview from Real Estate, Maritime Operations and Security

- The Port takes very seriously these and other security incidents on the terminal. The Port is actively evaluating additional security prevention measures such as identifying areas for improved lighting, security camera upgrades, and facility entrance controls.
- Fishermen's Terminal is an incredible community of fishers, business owners, recreational boaters, community members, and dedicated Port staff who all share in the responsibility to keep the terminal safe. We all need to work together.
- It is the responsibility of each tenant and customer to secure their boat or business. Tenants and customers are encouraged to install their own private security cameras within their lease premises and/or boat and establish best practices for securing their space.
- Suggested preventive actions:
 - Lock doors and do not leave valuables in plain sight.
 - Get to know your neighbors to better understand who should be on-site in and around your areas.

- **If you see something, say something.** If you see anything suspicious, immediately report it to Port Police:
 - Call 911 – indicate that you are located at Fishermen’s Terminal, a Port of Seattle property.
 - Call Port Police directly at 206-787-5401
- For minor security items or access assistance call on-site Security at 206-787-3395.

Comments, Questions, Concerns from Participants

- Many folks requested the placement of additional cameras on site. Some requested 24-hour surveillance of those cameras by security.
- Requests for improved lighting, from lighting dark areas, to improving the timing of lights so they come on right at dusk.
- There were several questions about the response to the break in, Port PD provided details about the timeline and how they have been able to gather evidence for the investigation.
- There were questions about controlling access to the property, and license plate surveillance of all vehicles entering and leaving.
- There were some questions about how Port leadership including Commissioners are currently engaged.
- Gate access codes at Salmon Bay Marina- concerns about not being able to visit neighbors, and concerns that customers are giving out gate codes.

Additional feedback received via email and phone:

- Request for additional communications between management and tenants/customers.
- Support for the good work the Port staff are doing.
- Frustration that a link to the virtual meeting was not embedded in the email notification, making it difficult to join virtually.
- Interest in hearing best practices for tenant security, such as locks, private cameras, etc.
- Strong feelings of community and safety at the Terminal, and resistance to adding additional lighting due to light pollution concerns.

Immediate Actions and Next Steps

The Port is committed to taking immediate action to improve the safety and security of tenants and customers at Fishermen’s Terminal and Salmon Bay Marina. Below are several actions that we have taken thus far, and plan to implement in the short and long term:

Actions taken

- A second security guard has been hired. This additional guard will conduct foot patrols to provide a presence in different areas than the patrol car.
- Construction teams have budgeted for dedicated security staff to watch over the job site during construction of the Maritime Innovation Center to avoid taking away from existing security resources.

- Managing Director of Maritime, Stephanie Jones Stebbins and Port Commissioners have been briefed on the February 18 break in and the outcome of the March 7 Town Hall meeting.

Actions planned by the end of March

- Conduct a site walk with Maritime Operations, Security and Real Estate to identify locations for lighting improvements: “blue light cameras” and locations for bollards and planters for additional protection for storefronts.
- Assess the feasibility and identify ways to limit access on and off the property to only 19th Ave W, by restricting vehicle access at 16th Ave W. and W. Commodore Way during specified hours.

Actions requiring Commission Authorization

A multi-million dollar capital improvement project to update security cameras across Port facilities, including Fishermen’s Terminal, is slated to go to the Commission for approval in the near future. Once approved, we anticipate approximately 18-24 months for design, permitting, construction, and commissioning.

Communications and engagement

- We commit to share information with tenants and customers via email notification when a significant security incident occurs on the terminal (substantial property damage, significant injury to individuals, or serial incidents).
- We commit to host quarterly meetings for tenants and customers to build relationships and a forum to exchange information.

In summary, proper reporting and prevention are key to keeping everyone safe. It takes a community-wide effort to maintain a safe and secure environment.