

Spotlight: The Security Network

Question and Answer: The County Supervisor's office

Ron Roberts, County Supervisor — District 4

On Jan. 9, 2007, Ron Roberts was sworn-in to serve his fourth term on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. On the same day, his colleagues also selected him to serve as the board's chairman in 2007. One of his major goals is to create a true regional communications system, which would allow emergency responders and dispatchers to communicate with one another during a major disaster. In addition, earlier this year he proposed a sweeping vision for San Diego's downtown waterfront that would provide for greater public access to the waterfront along the North Embarcadero. The Security Network sat down with Roberts to garner his perspective on maritime security in the San Diego region and how it relates to economic development of our region.

Why is the Port important to the county of San Diego?

The Port is a hub of commerce and tourism that reflects the quality of life here in the San Diego

region. It is an economic engine as well as a beautiful recreation center for all who live here.

What is your vision of maritime security for the San Diego region?

I think we need to start with the bigger regional picture. A number of metropolitan clusters have "risk factors," but our region has a plethora of them — a number of military installations, an international border, a vibrant shipping port, a thriving tourism industry and a nuclear reactor. When you take a broad view of our region, you see how critical security is to the numerous entry points into the region.

The Security Network organized a security mission to San Diego from Vancouver, British Columbia, in 2007 and a maritime technology mission from St. John's NL in 2008. The Security Network is considering maritime and security missions to San Diego from Australia, Canada, France and the United Kingdom for 2009. Do you think it is important that companies and countries around the world are increasingly recog-

nizing San Diego as the leading defense/security/maritime technology center in the United States?

I think these missions are a huge, positive recognition for our region. It is really a compliment when people come to observe and learn from initiatives and innovations that we have created within our community. We pride ourselves here in the San Diego region as the center of knowledge-based industries — telecom, high-tech, biotech and security. Our excellence in security innovation is worthy of sharing, as is the learning we will benefit from as these groups bring their ideas and innovations into our community.

What can the city and county do to promote San Diego as a national and international security technology testbed?

Continue to do what we are doing — striving to create the cutting-edge systems that draw a national and international audience, and sending our people to the other centers of excellence and innovation internationally.

In February 2000, the county and UCSD held a

major national conference on bio-terrorism. We had identified this as a tremendous concern and identified the Port as a significant potential target. We were ahead of the time when we convened this conference and have remained at the leading edge of innovation of security technology.

I think it is less about promotion, and more about setting the good example as a leader of security innovation.

What role has The Security Network played — and what role should it play — in promoting San Diego as an international security forum and in promoting more effective regional security?

The Security Network is an organization that can bring together major players and provide a forum to focus on the important security questions. We are blessed in this region with companies like SAIC, Qualcomm and Northrop Grumman who are proven "problem-solvers" and innovators. Along with our academic institutions, they form the core of our "can do" team.

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Question and Answer: The Port of San Diego

Irene McCormack, Assistant Vice President

The Port of San Diego was created by the state Legislature in 1962 to manage San Diego Bay and surrounding waterfront land.

The Port is made up of Imperial Beach, National City, Chula Vista, San Diego and Coronado waterfront properties. While protecting the Tidelands Trust resources, the Port balances economic benefits, community services, environmental stewardship and public safety on behalf of California citizens. The Security Network sat down with Irene McCormack, assistant vice president of the Port of San Diego to garner her thoughts on the unique attributes of the Port as it relates to innovation in the security sector and the importance of collaboration in solving global security concerns.

What is the mission of the Port of San Diego and how do you personally fit into that?

As a state agency, our job is to maintain the "balance on the bay" — economic vitality with security — by employing best of breed technologies and fostering collaboration. I oversee the communications for the Port and manage the land use planning activities.

Why is the Port important to the region?

We have a naval port, shipyard and maritime cargo terminals for commercial shipping that support a very vibrant economy in the San Diego region. The working waterfront, which begins just south of the San Diego Convention Center, is growing with over 19,000 family-sustaining wage earners. We have a strong tourism environment as well as active Navy and Coast Guard installations. With the dramatic turnaround in goods manufactured in the U.S. to offshore manufacturing, we are seeing dramatically increased cargo trade through the Port.

How do we balance the promotion of world trade with the need for security?

By definition, the two go hand in hand in today's world. We work directly with the Department of Homeland

Security and the Maritime Administration to remain vigilant in our security measures and we work directly with the global manufacturers and local businesses to ensure we are promoting efficient trade and commerce practices.

Does security complement efficiency, or is it a complicating factor that detracts from efficiency — or both?

Since security benefits all of us, we have worked very cooperatively over the last seven years to implement technology improvements that guarantee effectiveness and efficiency in applying processes and procedures that eliminate risk and heighten security confidence.

Do you see San Diego as well suited to be a national and international security technology testbed? What is the role of the Port of San Diego in that effort?

We have the experts and expertise in technology innovation literally in our backyard here in San Diego. Four years ago, the Port entered into a cooperative agreement with the Navy and Coast Guard for JHOC (San Diego Joint Harbor Operations Center) — an innovative, collaborative arrangement that employs cooperation at the highest level in managing risk. The best minds in this region have been contributors to the technology and processes we employ in implementing security measures. We have set an example and standard that is being replicated in other ports around the United States.

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The Security Network has provided a forum for local participation as well as global participation to share security issues and concerns and collaborate on new solutions. I believe that as The Security Network grows, so will our ability to rapidly employ technologies and policies that can be tested in the San Diego region and then deployed worldwide.

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Question and Answer: Canadian Police Research Centre

Steve Palmer, Executive Director

Steve Palmer is executive director of the Canadian Police Research Centre (CPRC) — a federal government program under the management of the Centre for Security Science. The center is a joint endeavor between Defence Research and Development Canada and Public Safety Canada that acts as a focal point for the management and coordination of federal science and technology to respond to Canada's public safety and security priorities. Since 1998, Steve has been responsible for the strategic directions of the CPRC, fostering national and international relationships, and ensuring the organization is focused in responding to the needs of the law enforcement and first responder communities. The Security Network spoke with Palmer on the eve of his visit to San Diego for the IACP and The Security Network events this week.

What is the mission of the Canadian Police Research Centre?

At the core, CPRC funds, plans, conducts, applies and promotes interdisciplinary research and development to address issues of concern to the first responder and law enforcement communities. We look at the intersection of hard science and technology to identify solutions that will strengthen police, fire and emergency services across Canada. We are also active in the commercialization of technologies and support a level of research and development.

Why is it important for you to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference?

IACP is the largest gathering of police executives, so from a professional development perspective alone it is invaluable to network with my peers from around the world. The technology display is important to learn about and test the newest products and technologies impacting the market. This year we have a special reason to attend. CPRC is receiving an award for a unique project we initiated called the Canadian Interoperability Technology Interest Group.

Can you talk about the impression of San Diego internationally as a center for law enforcement and first-responder technologies?

San Diego has the reputation as a center for excellence in many fields (medical, military, security, communications) that impact the evolution of equipment and practices for law enforcement. It is a rich environment for nurturing these technologies that improve practices around the world.

What segment of law enforcement and first-responder technology has made the greatest innovations in the last five years?

I think advances in the field of voice data communications have been incredible, not only in the ability of responders to share information and communicate but also in the protection of communication. The innovations have been driven equally by technology and training practices.

In Canada we have been developing a police information portal that allows offi-

cers to access records from any part of the country in real-time. The old procedure required a message blast to all departments across Canada followed by a waiting period for response. Now, it is instantaneous for law enforcement to check records at a traffic stop or street check. That is a powerful advancement in the field.

What is a major concern for maritime law enforcement in the next few years?

Improving the five W's (who, what, when, where, why) to enhance situational awareness. We need to help maritime law enforcement better understand things such as: what is coming into their jurisdiction, where is it coming from and where is it destined. This type of information will enhance the ability to take action and focus areas of investigations.

What role has The Security Network played in tying San

Diego to the Canadian law enforcement and first-responder industry?

Attending the annual Security Summit is valuable for Canadian companies to gain feedback on their products or services from global experts. Partners, end-users and buyers can explain their needs and concerns directly, creating a powerful culture for product development.

The Security Summit also facilitates incredible dialogue between attendees who are rich and hungry with ideas. These conversations benefit the entire industry and contribute to fulfilling The Security Network's most important role: fast tracking of ideas into actionable solutions for the law enforcement and responder markets. Each event has a strong focus on commercialization of technologies, and that is a unique aspect of the group.

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Maritime Law Enforcement & Security Event

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2008 - 7:30 am to 5:30pm - Liberty Station, SAN DIEGO

The Security Network will hold a one-day event centered on demos in-the-water and on the land.

San Diego is one of the leading maritime technology centers in the world and *The Security Network* is pleased to hold this "Maritime Law Enforcement & Security" demo day coordinated with the IACP (Intl. Assoc of Chiefs of Police), which expects 15,000 law enforcement executives from around the world at its 115th annual conference Nov. 8-12 in San Diego. This "test bed" event will provide exhibitors an opportunity to exhibit and demo products to a wide range of end-users from government, law enforcement, military, and private sector from San Diego and around the world.

WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?

- Interact with end-users from law enforcement around the world, as well as military and government officials from the San Diego region.
- Level Playing Field and Product Demo Area
- Keynote speaker Steve Sweeney, Deputy Chief Constable, Operations Support Division, Vancouver Police. Vancouver is hosting the 2010 Winter Olympics. Deputy Chief Constable Sweeney's topic will be "Enhancing Maritime Law Enforcement & Security with Technology & Collaboration".

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