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National Office for Maritime Intelligence Integration Announces New Name to Better Reflect Mission
National Maritime Intelligence Center becomes the National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office

Rear Admiral (Select) Robert V. Hoppa, director, National Maritime Intelligence Center, today announced the renaming of the National Maritime Intelligence Center (NMIC) to the National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office (NMIO).

“The name change better reflects our mission to integrate maritime intelligence by leveraging partnerships at all levels of government, the private sector and with our foreign partners,” said Hoppa. “I look forward to continuing our efforts as an Intelligence Community service of common concern and serving as a principal advisor to the Director of National Intelligence.”

“Since its establishment three years ago, the National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office has recorded many successes leading the integration of maritime intelligence with domestic and international partners,” said James R. Clapper, director of National Intelligence.

Clapper went on to say that NMIO has created a culture of information sharing to thwart those who would exploit the open seas for illegal and illicit activities. “This change in name reflects simply what the National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office has done and continues to do every day to protect our quality of life and economic well-being,” he said.

Established in January 2009 by *Intelligence Community Directive 902, Global Maritime and Air Intelligence Integration*, NMIO was created to advance governmental collaboration and unity of effort as outlined in the *9/11 Commission Report* and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. The NMIO performs a national-level, cross-departmental mission to facilitate the proactive integration of intelligence within the maritime domain; provides direct support to the National Security Staff and facilitates information sharing and collaboration across the Global Maritime Community of Interest, which consists of U.S. federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial governments; the maritime industry; academia; and our foreign partners. NMIO will remain located at the National Maritime Intelligence Center facility in Suitland, Maryland.

Some of NMIO’s accomplishments to date include: coordinating nationally unified maritime intelligence through a Maritime Intelligence Council; developing and building participation in a Single Integrated Look-Out (SILO) list for vessels of domestic and international interest; joint development with the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) of a Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) Information Portal; and, as part of the National Counter-piracy Collaborative Engagement, NMIC/NMIO was awarded a National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation for exceptional service from January to December 2009.

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