



**Houston Ship Channel Security District**  
**Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA)**  
**U.S. Coast Guard Certified**  
**Facility Security Officer (FSO) Training Class Agenda**

**The Houston Ship Channel Security District is pleased to offer a U.S. Coast Guard Certified MTSA FSO Training Class addressing the following topics:**

1. Security organization of the facility;
2. General facility operations and conditions;
3. Facility security measures, including the meaning and requirements of the different MARSEC levels;
4. Emergency preparedness, response, and contingency planning;
5. Security equipment and systems, and their operational limitations;
6. Methods of conducting audits, inspections, control, and monitoring techniques;
7. Relevant international laws and codes, and recommendations;
8. Relevant government legislation and regulations;
9. Responsibilities and functions of local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies;
10. Security assessment methodology;
11. Methods of facility security surveys and inspections;
12. Instruction techniques for security training and education, including security measures and procedures;
13. Handling sensitive security information and security related communications;
14. Current security threats and patterns;
15. Recognizing and detecting dangerous substances and devices;
16. Recognizing characteristics and behavioral patterns of persons who are likely to threaten security;
17. Techniques used to circumvent security measures;
18. Conducting physical searches and non-intrusive inspections;
19. Conducting security drills and exercises, including exercises with vessels;
20. Assessing security drills and exercises; and
21. Knowledge of Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) requirements.