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Re: MPA Approved TWIC Escort Responsibilities

Dear MPA:

Due to recent infractions in the MPA TWIC escort procedures, the MPA Office of Security would like to remind all **MPA Approved TWIC Escorts** of their responsibilities when escorting non-TWIC holders in MPA's secure and restricted facilities.

- If someone does not have a TWIC and needs access to MPA facilities, that person must have an MPA Approved TWIC Escort holder as an escort and be registered in the MPA visitor access system.
- All escorts must be certified by the MPA Office of Security and will be issued a MPA terminal access badge displaying "**Escort**" to identify them as a trained authorized escort.
- Escorting must be accomplished by **side-by-side accompaniment** with an MPA Approved TWIC Escort holder. Side-by-side accompaniment requires continuous physical proximity to and visual contact with the escorted individual. Escorts may relinquish their responsibilities as an escort to another MPA Approved TWIC Escort holder so long as the escorted individual is continuously accompanied.
- The MPA encourages all authorized escorts to meet their visitors/vendors off terminal and accompany them through the access gate.

- One MPA Approved TWIC Escort holder may escort no more than five non-TWIC holders. This escorting ratio (1:5) does not apply when non-TWIC holders are transported in an enclosed vehicle. One MPA Approved TWIC Escort holder who is driving or riding in the vehicle can escort any number of passengers as long as they are only allowed to depart the vehicle in a location where other MPA Approved TWIC Escort holders will be able to escort them or where they will not need to be escorted (e.g. a public access area or outside the facility).
- All new hired employees cannot access MPA facilities until they have received their TWIC card. This includes longshoremen, truck drivers, contractors and individuals performing security as a primary duty. MPA direct hired employees only may be granted special provisions as a TWIC new hire after a name based security check has been completed and if the new hire needs immediate accompanied access for performance of duties.
- The MPA has approved four companies to provide escort services for non-TWIC holders specifically for non-TWIC truck drivers carrying cargo. Truck drivers are not allowed to escort non-TWIC holders riding in his/her cab. All inquires and rates must be negotiated directly with the approved companies. Their contact information can be found on MPA's website at [www.marylandports.com](http://www.marylandports.com) under Port Security.

We hope this broadcast helps you better understand the MPA TWIC escort procedures and how to comply with your responsibilities and that any deviation could result in criminal fines. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact the MPA Office of Security at (410) 633-1152.