



Community Watch on the Water Program

Community Watch on Water (CWOW) is a community-based program that is designed to improve maritime security by improving the reporting of crimes or injuries on the water and by expediting government response times. To accomplish this CWOW brings together local governments, communities and defense forces to identify and react to maritime threats or incidents.

CWOW incorporates the community-policing concept:

- Local communities know who belongs in coastal waters and who does not
- Consequently, these communities are the government's first line of defense

Another goal of this program is to build trust and cooperation between government authorities and local communities.

To develop this program Maritime Civil Affairs Teams:

- Introduce and socialize the CWOW concept to villages, government and defense forces
- Identify key personnel at the district and sub – district level to assume leadership and ownership of the CWOW program
- Support and facilitate villages and government entities explain and market CWOW
- Develop and distribute promotional posters and waterproof CWOW cards
- Provide navigation, first aid and survival training to fisherman and local government emergency response personnel



By building relationships through ongoing security cooperation programs, Maritime Civil Affairs and Security Training Command is moving maritime stability and security forward.