

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

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## ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE FOR THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY SUPPORTING MARITIME HOMELAND SECURITY AND DEFENSE: DEVELOPING A DOMESTIC MARITIME INTELLIGENCE NETWORK

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Since the beginning of the twentieth century, the United States has conducted the missions of Homeland Security and Defense abroad, rather than within its borders. While keeping conflict outside of U.S. borders is preferred, the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001 have illustrated that this is not always possible. The missions of Maritime Homeland Security and Defense have gained significant importance in the overall national security of the United States. In order to effectively support these missions, an effective intelligence apparatus must exist which is adapted to the Information Age. Terrorist groups are using the network forms of organization, with significant advantages over traditional hierarchies within the U.S. government. Effectively organizing the various agencies involved in domestic maritime intelligence will require rapid movement of intelligence to the operational customer. The most effective way to organize these agencies to support Maritime Homeland Security and Defense is to create a domestic maritime intelligence network.

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