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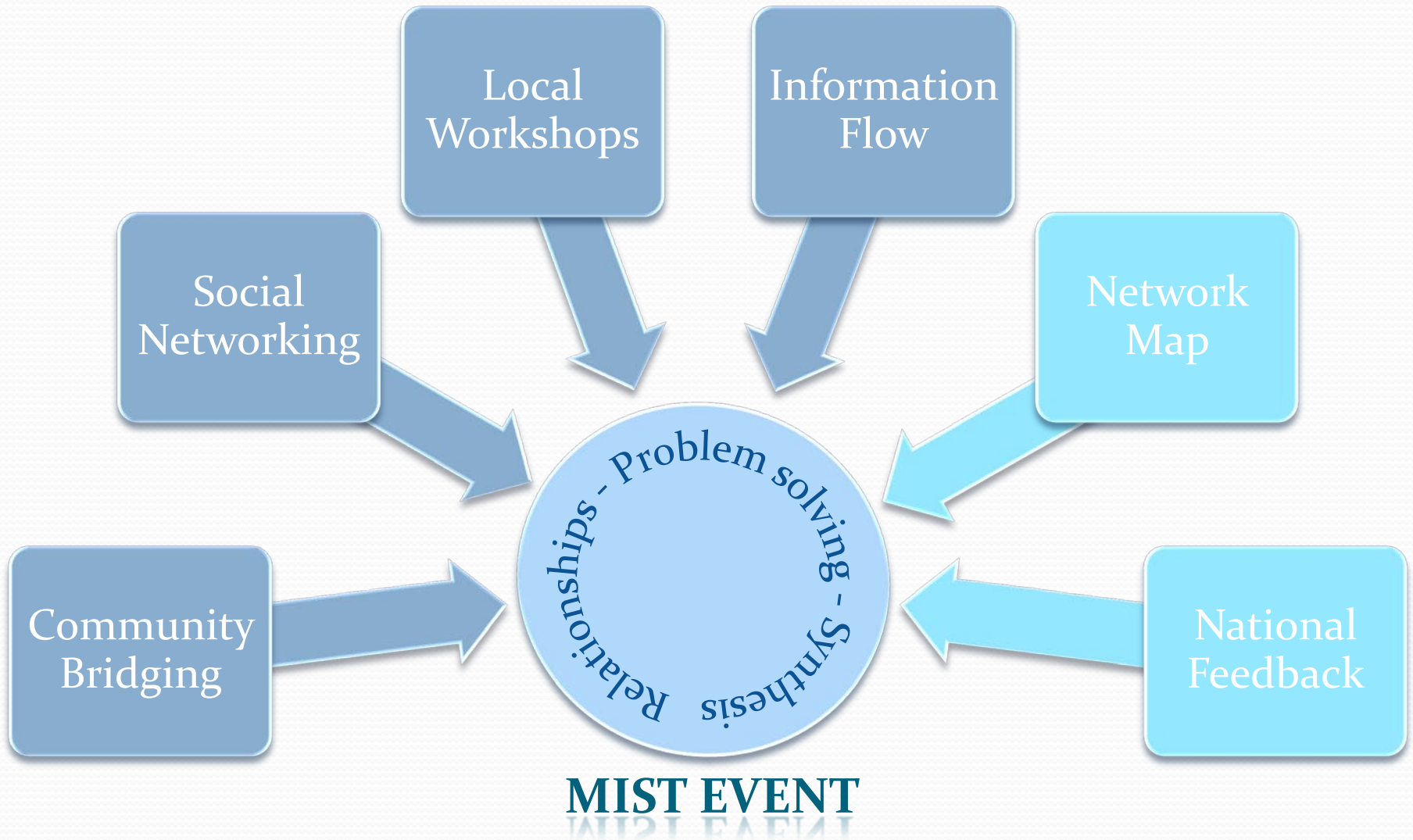# Maritime Information Sharing Taskforce

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Facilitated Federal & Private Sector Information Sharing

- Challenge
  - Include the private sector in national MDA efforts
  - Gather local perspectives of practitioners
  - Provide value to the private sector

- Purpose
  - Provide a process for two-way sharing of threat information
  - Provide a forum for mutual problem solving around MDA issues

- Current sponsors and stakeholders
  - Maritime Defense & Security Research Program (NPS)
  - Maritime Administration (US Department of Transportation)
  - USCG, MARAD, GMSA & GMAII, NCAGS and GMISS

- Status
  - August 2008: Piloted at MIST Long Beach/Los Angeles
  - May 2009: Modified and expanded for MIST Puget Sound
  - FY2010: MIST Honolulu HI (November 2009),
  - MIST Delaware Bay (September 2010),
  - Intermodal and International application discussions

Capturing Data on Information Sharing

- Collaboration
- *"The further away you get from the flag pole of Washington DC, the smoother the flow"*

- Communication
- *"When we're on the dock if I don't know anything about it, it doesn't do any good"*

- Incentives & motivations for sharing
- *"First you have to show me that there really is a threat out there— that's why we're spending all this money on it."*

- Information quality
- *"Give us something to work with. Is it homegrown eco-terrorists or international level cells I need to worry about?"*

- Information delivery
- *"We need to have some synergy…if you have everyone calling in, what is the infrastructure to direct the information?"*

- Streamlining government
- *"Choose a system and improve it, rather than improving all ten."*

Record Recommendations

- Collaboration
  - Increase institutional support for interagency collaboration
  - Align regulations with business rules and practices
- Communication
  - Align strategic communication with safety concerns
- Incentives & motivations
  - Incentivize resource sharing
- Information quality
  - Provide all hazard, situational awareness, financial /operational impacts, neighborhood alerts, resource information
  - Ensure information is regionally targeted, up-to-date and synchronized, intermodal, actionable, relevant, usable, trustworthy, accurate, simple
- Information delivery
  - Push data <u>to</u> the private sector, allow anytime/anywhere access
  - Scrub classified data
- Streamlining government
  - Federal efforts should provide value and be sustainable
  - Modify requirements to address the impacts of the economic downturn

Problem solving
Synthe Relationships

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Next steps & sustainment- From Honolulu

- Creation of unified exercises- State DOT Harbors

- Improve union relationships- Agent Representative

- Expand Face to Face relationship opportunities with unions, HHUGS, HOST- AMSC

- Improve alert & warning system- USCG Sector Honolulu

- Improve consistency and realism of ICS exercises- AMSC

- Update State communications grid- eliminate faxes- State DOT Harbors

- Try MARVIEW as a tool for information sharing- USCG & All

- Provide feedback to MARVIEW on usability- NPS MIST team

- Reconvene a MIST like group that crosses over industries & roles- State DOT Harbors

We are responsive to the needs of stakeholders

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Concept testing
policies, processes, products

Federal partner challenges

Industry value add

National Trends

Port Security Grants

Collaborative Capacity

Sharing best practices

Local context

Practitioner profiles

Problem solving

Synthes Relationships

Local adaptations

Questions?

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