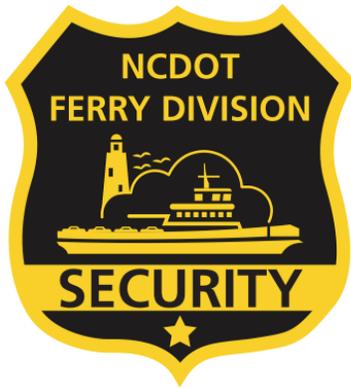




NORTH CAROLINA FERRY DIVISION SECURITY



Since July 1, 2004, the NCDOT Ferry Division has operated under the guidelines of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA). Local U.S. Coast Guard units enforce these guidelines.

The MTSA, enacted on November 25, 2002, is designed to protect the nation's ports and waterways from a terrorist attack. It requires vessels and port facilities to conduct vulnerability assessments and develop security plans that may include the screening of passengers, vehicles and baggage; security patrols; establishing restricted areas; personnel identification procedures; access control measures; and/or installation of surveillance equipment.

Under the new guidelines, all NCDOT ferry passengers and vehicles are subject to voluntary screenings and photo I.D. checks. Anyone who does not agree to a screening or I.D. check will not be permitted to board the ferries. Unaccompanied vehicles and unattended baggage are also not permitted.

The information collected during screening procedures is not shared with any other government agency. It is stored in a secure location for two years and then destroyed.

While we realize these guidelines may be an inconvenience to some of our passengers, it is necessary that we follow them closely in an effort to ensure the continued safety of our passengers, personnel and property. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we implement these measures.