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Port Operations Security Documentation

Multi-System Failure Coordination Guide

Document Information

Document Type: Crisis Response Framework **Intended Users:** All Teams - Coordinated Response **Usage Context:** When multiple critical systems fail simultaneously **Related Scenarios:** AIS + CCTV + Network failures, Container + Authentication + CCTV failures

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Purpose

This guide provides systematic coordination procedures when multiple critical systems fail simultaneously, ensuring effective cross-team response, resource prioritization, and operational continuity during complex multi-system incidents.

When to Use This Guide

- Two or more critical systems failing within 30 minutes of each other
- Evidence of coordinated or systematic attack affecting multiple systems
- Operational capacity reduced below 50% due to system failures
- Manual operations required across multiple operational areas
- Cross-team resource conflicts due to competing system failures

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Multi-System Failure Assessment Framework

System Criticality Matrix

TIER 1 CRITICAL SYSTEMS (Immediate Operations Impact)

- **AIS/GPS Navigation:** Ship tracking and collision avoidance
- **CCTV Surveillance:** Visual safety monitoring and security
- **Crane Control Systems:** Container handling operations
- **Container Routing:** Cargo movement and placement
- **Authentication Systems:** Access control and system security

TIER 2 SUPPORTING SYSTEMS (Operational Efficiency Impact)

- **Network Infrastructure:** Communications and data flow
- **Vendor Gateway:** External partner coordination

- **Log Management:** Audit trail and forensic capability
- **Communication Systems:** Internal and external coordination

TIER 3 ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS (Management Impact)

- **HR Systems:** Staff management and scheduling
- **Policy Systems:** Procedure access and compliance
- **Media Systems:** Public relations and communications

Failure Combination Assessment

CATASTROPHIC COMBINATIONS (Immediate Operations Halt Required)

- **AIS + CCTV + Crane Control:** Complete operational blindness with safety risk
- **Authentication + Container + CCTV:** Security compromise with operational impact
- **Network + AIS + Container:** Complete system isolation with navigation loss

CRITICAL COMBINATIONS (Major Operations Reduction Required)

- **AIS + CCTV:** Navigation and visual monitoring lost
- **CCTV + Crane Control:** Visual confirmation and operational control lost
- **Container + Authentication:** Operational disruption with potential security issues
- **Network + Authentication:** Communication and security control lost

SIGNIFICANT COMBINATIONS (Enhanced Procedures Required)

- **AIS + Network:** Navigation data loss with communication issues
- **CCTV + Network:** Visual monitoring lost with communication challenges
- **Vendor + Authentication:** External coordination lost with security concerns

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Multi-System Response Protocols

Phase 1: Rapid Assessment (0-10 minutes)

RAPID DECISION TREE (Use when under time pressure)

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Multiple systems failing?
+- YES - Are they safety-critical systems?
| +- YES - Can safety be maintained with manual procedures?
| | +- YES - Continue with enhanced manual operations
| | +- NO - Consider operations halt - Escalate to executive
| +- NO - Implement enhanced procedures - Continue investigation
+- NO - Standard incident response procedures
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10-MINUTE ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST IMMEDIATE (0-3 minutes): - [ ] **Life Safety Check:** Any immediate danger to personnel? - [ ] **System Count:** How many critical systems affected? - [ ] **Timeline:** Did failures happen together or cascading?

RAPID IMPACT (3-7 minutes): - [ ] **Operational Capacity:** Can we maintain safe operations? - [ ] **Manual Capability:** Do we have personnel for manual procedures? - [ ] **External Visibility:** Are failures visible to customers/public?

COORDINATION SETUP (7-10 minutes): - [ ] **Team Assignments:** Which teams focus on what? - [ ] **Communication Schedule:** How often will teams update? - [ ] **Escalation Triggers:** When do we escalate to executive?

Immediate Situation Assessment Incident Coordinator Actions: - [ ] **System Status Verification:** Confirm which systems are actually failed vs. degraded - [ ] **Timeline Correlation:** Determine if failures occurred simultaneously or cascading - [ ] **Impact Assessment:** Evaluate immediate operational and safety implications - [ ] **Resource Availability:** Identify available teams and manual capabilities

All Teams Parallel Actions: - [ ] **Technical Team:** Begin systematic investigation of each failed system - [ ] **Operations Team:** Implement immediate safety measures and capacity assessment - [ ] **Legal Team:** Assess regulatory notification requirements for multi-system incident - [ ] **Media Team:** Prepare holding statements for potential external visibility - [ ] **Executive Team:** Prepare for potential escalation to operations halt decision

Safety-First Decision Point (5 minutes) HALT OPERATIONS IMMEDIATELY IF: - Cannot ensure safe container movements without multiple systems - Crew expressing serious safety concerns about working without key systems - Risk of collision or injury due to lack of visibility/navigation - Evidence of ongoing attack requiring immediate containment

CONTINUE WITH ENHANCED PROCEDURES IF: - Manual procedures can safely replace failed systems - Adequate crew available for enhanced spotting/communication - No immediate safety threats identified - Systems appear to be failing independently rather than coordinated attack

Phase 2: Coordination and Prioritization (10-30 minutes)

Multi-Team Coordination Meeting Immediate Virtual/Physical Huddle (10 minutes maximum):

Incident Coordinator Leads: - [ ] **Situation Brief:** 2-minute status update from each team - [ ] **Priority Matrix:** Establish system restoration priorities - [ ] **Resource Allocation:** Assign teams to primary vs. supporting roles - [ ] **Communication Protocol:** Establish enhanced communication schedule - [ ] **Decision Authority:** Clarify who makes what decisions during crisis

Team Assignment Matrix:

Failed Systems	Primary Response Team	Supporting Teams	Expected Timeline
AIS + CCTV	Technical + Operations	Legal (notifications), Media (communications)	2-4 hours
CCTV + Container	Operations + Technical	Legal (liability), Executive (decisions)	1-3 hours
Network + Authentication	Technical + Legal	Operations (manual procedures), Executive (escalation)	3-6 hours
AIS + Container + CCTV	ALL TEAMS	Incident Coordinator orchestrates	4-8 hours

Resource Prioritization Framework **PRIORITY 1: IMMEDIATE SAFETY** - Manual spotters for crane operations - Alternative navigation procedures - Enhanced communication protocols - Emergency system isolation if needed

PRIORITY 2: OPERATIONAL CONTINUITY - Manual override authorization - Alternative routing procedures - Backup communication systems - Vendor coordination for critical functions

PRIORITY 3: INVESTIGATION AND RECOVERY - Systematic technical investigation - Evidence preservation - System restoration planning - External coordination

PRIORITY 4: COMPLIANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS - Regulatory notifications - Media management - Legal documentation - Stakeholder communications

Phase 3: Coordinated Response Execution (30+ minutes)

Parallel Response Streams **TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION STREAM Lead:** Technical Team **Timeline:** Ongoing throughout incident **Key Actions:** - [ ] **VM Investigation:** Systematic examination of each affected VM - [ ] **Evidence Collection:** Secure logs and artifacts before they can be tampered with - [ ] **Correlation Analysis:** Identify connections between different system failures - [ ] **Recovery Assessment:** Determine what can be restored vs. what requires replacement

OPERATIONAL CONTINUITY STREAM Lead: Operations Team **Timeline:** Immediate and ongoing **Key Actions:** - [ ] **Manual Procedures:** Implement comprehensive manual operations across all affected areas - [ ] **Safety Monitoring:** Enhanced safety protocols with additional personnel - [ ] **Capacity Management:** Calculate and communicate reduced operational capacity - [ ] **Crew Coordination:** Manage personnel assignments and fatigue during extended manual operations

LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE STREAM Lead: Legal Team **Timeline:** Within regulatory deadlines **Key Actions:** - [ ] **Notification Matrix:** Determine all required regulatory notifications for multi-system incident - [ ] **Evidence Preservation:** Implement legal hold across all affected systems - [

] **Liability Assessment:** Evaluate exposure from multi-system operational impacts - [ ] **Insurance Coordination:** Coordinate with multiple insurance policies potentially affected

COMMUNICATIONS STREAM Lead: Media Team **Timeline:** Proactive and responsive **Key Actions:** - [ ] **Stakeholder Communications:** Coordinate messaging across all stakeholder groups - [ ] **Media Management:** Handle external inquiries about visible operational disruptions - [ ] **Internal Communications:** Keep staff informed about status and expectations - [ ] **Crisis Messaging:** Develop consistent narrative across all communication channels

EXECUTIVE DECISION STREAM Lead: Executive Team **Timeline:** Real-time decision support **Key Actions:** - [ ] **Strategic Decisions:** Make high-level decisions about operations continuation vs. halt - [ ] **Resource Authorization:** Approve resource allocation and emergency expenditures - [ ] **Stakeholder Management:** Handle board, government, and major customer communications - [ ] **Recovery Planning:** Plan for post-incident recovery and business continuity

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System-Specific Coordination Procedures

AIS + CCTV Failure Coordination

Immediate Actions (0-15 minutes) **Technical Team:** - [ ] Investigate correlation between AIS vm-coretech and CCTV vm-opsnode - [ ] Check for evidence of coordinated GPS jamming affecting both systems - [ ] Preserve logs from both systems before potential tampering

Operations Team: - [ ] Deploy enhanced spotter network for visual navigation confirmation - [ ] Implement reduced speed protocols for all vessel movements - [ ] Establish direct radio contact with all vessels in terminal area

Incident Coordinator: - [ ] Assess if this constitutes coordinated attack requiring immediate escalation - [ ] Coordinate manual procedures that address both navigation and visual monitoring loss - [ ] Determine if operations can continue safely with enhanced manual procedures

Coordination Challenges:

- **Competing Resource Demands:** Both systems require technical investigation and operational workarounds
- **Safety Risk Multiplication:** Loss of both navigation data and visual confirmation creates compounded risk
- **Communication Complexity:** Need for enhanced coordination when normal systems compromised

Success Criteria:

- Safe operations maintained despite loss of both automated systems
- Technical investigation proceeding in parallel without compromising operations

- Clear communication maintained between all teams and with vessels

Network + Authentication Failure Coordination

Immediate Actions (0-15 minutes) Technical Team: - [ ] Investigate if network failure caused authentication system breakdown - [ ] Check for evidence of credential compromise or unauthorized access - [ ] Implement emergency authentication procedures using alternative methods

Legal Team: - [ ] Assess if authentication failure constitutes reportable security incident - [ ] Implement evidence preservation before systems can be further compromised - [ ] Coordinate with technical team on investigation to preserve legal privilege

Operations Team: - [ ] Switch to manual authorization procedures for all operational decisions - [ ] Implement enhanced verification protocols for personnel access - [ ] Establish alternative communication methods not dependent on network

Coordination Challenges:

- **Security vs. Operations:** Need to maintain security while enabling operational continuity
- **Investigation vs. Recovery:** Balance between preserving evidence and restoring systems
- **Communication Breakdown:** Network failure complicates coordination between teams

Container + CCTV + Authentication Triple Failure

Immediate Actions (0-20 minutes) ALL TEAMS EMERGENCY COORDINATION:

Phase 1 (0-5 minutes): Safety Assessment - [ ] **IMMEDIATE QUESTION:** Can container operations continue safely without visual confirmation and automated authentication? - [ ] **OPERATIONS:** Deploy maximum spotter coverage for all container areas - [ ] **TECHNICAL:** Begin rapid assessment of all three system failures for correlation - [ ] **INCIDENT COORDINATOR:** Prepare for potential operations halt decision

Phase 2 (5-15 minutes): Operational Decision - [ ] **OPERATIONS:** Calculate safe operational capacity with manual procedures for all three systems - [ ] **TECHNICAL:** Report initial findings on whether failures appear coordinated - [ ] **LEGAL:** Assess regulatory requirements for triple system failure - [ ] **EXECUTIVE:** Make operations continuation vs. halt decision

Phase 3 (15-20 minutes): Implementation - [ ] **If Continuing:** Implement comprehensive manual procedures with enhanced safety measures - [ ] **If Halting:** Execute safe operations shutdown while maintaining investigation capability - [ ] **ALL TEAMS:** Switch to maximum coordination mode with 15-minute status updates

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Communication Protocols During Multi-System Failures

Enhanced Communication Schedule

IMMEDIATE PHASE (First 30 minutes)

- **Every 5 minutes:** Safety status updates between Operations and Incident Coordinator
- **Every 10 minutes:** Technical investigation updates to all teams
- **Every 15 minutes:** All-team status briefing led by Incident Coordinator

ACTIVE RESPONSE PHASE (30 minutes - 2 hours)

- **Every 15 minutes:** Technical progress updates
- **Every 30 minutes:** Operational status and capacity assessments
- **Every 30 minutes:** Legal and compliance status updates
- **Every 60 minutes:** Executive briefing with decision points

SUSTAINED RESPONSE PHASE (2+ hours)

- **Every 30 minutes:** All-team coordination calls
- **Every 60 minutes:** Stakeholder communication updates
- **Every 2 hours:** Shift change briefings and handover
- **Every 4 hours:** Executive strategic review and planning

Communication Priority Matrix

PRIORITY 1: IMMEDIATE SAFETY

- Operations Team safety concerns
- Technical Team critical findings requiring immediate action
- Evidence of ongoing attack or system compromise

PRIORITY 2: OPERATIONAL COORDINATION

- Manual procedure implementation status
- System restoration progress updates
- Resource allocation and personnel management

PRIORITY 3: COMPLIANCE AND STAKEHOLDER

- Regulatory notification requirements
- Legal documentation and evidence preservation
- Media and external communications

Alternative Communication Methods

Primary Network Failure Backup:

- **Mobile phones:** Direct calling for urgent communications
- **Radio systems:** Operational coordination and safety communications
- **Physical meetings:** Face-to-face coordination for complex decisions
- **Runner system:** Physical message delivery for non-urgent coordination

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Decision Points and Escalation Triggers

Operations Halt Decision Matrix

IMMEDIATE HALT REQUIRED:

- **Safety Risk:** Cannot ensure safe operations with available manual procedures
- **Security Threat:** Evidence of ongoing coordinated attack requiring complete isolation
- **Regulatory Requirement:** Legal or regulatory requirement to cease operations
- **Resource Exhaustion:** Insufficient qualified personnel for safe manual operations

OPERATIONS REDUCTION REQUIRED:

- **Partial Safety Risk:** Can ensure safety but at significantly reduced capacity
- **System Uncertainty:** Unable to determine if systems are stable or continuing to degrade
- **Personnel Stress:** Crew expressing significant safety concerns about continued operations
- **Investigation Needs:** Technical investigation requires operational systems to be isolated

ENHANCED PROCEDURES SUFFICIENT:

- **Manageable Risk:** Manual procedures can adequately replace failed systems
- **Stable Failure State:** Systems appear to have failed to a stable state rather than continuing to degrade
- **Adequate Resources:** Sufficient qualified personnel for enhanced manual procedures
- **Clear Recovery Path:** Technical team has clear plan for system restoration

Executive Escalation Triggers

IMMEDIATE EXECUTIVE INVOLVEMENT:

- Three or more Tier 1 systems failed simultaneously
- Evidence of coordinated cyber attack
- Operations halt decision required
- Major customer or regulatory escalation
- Media crisis requiring executive spokesperson

EXECUTIVE MONITORING REQUIRED:

- Two Tier 1 systems failed
- Extended duration incident (>2 hours)
- Significant operational capacity reduction
- Legal notifications required
- Insurance claims likely

EXECUTIVE AWARENESS SUFFICIENT:

- Single system failures with workarounds
- Normal technical investigations
- Routine regulatory notifications
- Standard operational disruptions

Resource Allocation During Multi-System Failures

Personnel Assignment Matrix

CATASTROPHIC MULTI-SYSTEM FAILURE: **Technical Team:** - 50% investigation and evidence preservation - 30% system restoration attempts - 20% supporting manual operations with technical expertise

Operations Team: - 70% manual operations implementation and safety - 20% coordination with technical team - 10% capacity assessment and planning

Legal Team: - 40% regulatory notifications and compliance - 40% evidence preservation and legal hold - 20% supporting decision-making with legal advice

Media Team: - 60% external communications and media management - 30% internal communications and staff updates - 10% supporting executive communications

Executive Team: - 50% strategic decision-making and high-level coordination - 30% stakeholder management (board, government, major customers) - 20% resource authorization and recovery planning

CRITICAL MULTI-SYSTEM FAILURE:

- Technical Team: 60% investigation, 40% restoration
- Operations Team: 80% manual operations, 20% coordination
- Legal Team: 60% compliance, 40% support
- Media Team: 50% external, 50% internal/support
- Executive Team: 40% decisions, 60% monitoring and planning

Equipment and Resource Priority

IMMEDIATE ALLOCATION:

- **Manual equipment:** Radios, spotting equipment, alternative communication devices
- **Investigation tools:** Laptops, mobile devices for technical investigation
- **Safety equipment:** Additional safety gear for enhanced manual operations
- **Communication backup:** Mobile phones, alternative internet connections

SECONDARY ALLOCATION:

- **Recovery equipment:** Replacement components, backup systems
- **Documentation tools:** Cameras, evidence bags, chain-of-custody materials
- **Comfort support:** Food, beverages, additional lighting for extended operations
- **External support:** Vendor emergency contacts, external technical support

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Recovery and Transition Planning

Phased System Restoration

Phase 1: Safety-Critical Restoration **Priority Order:** 1. **CCTV Systems:** Restore visual monitoring for safety 2. **Communication Systems:** Ensure reliable coordination capabilities 3. **Authentication Systems:** Restore secure access control 4. **Primary Navigation:** Restore AIS/GPS for vessel safety

Phase 2: Operational Restoration **Priority Order:** 1. **Container Control Systems:** Restore automated container handling 2. **Crane Control Systems:** Restore automated crane operations 3. **Network Infrastructure:** Restore full network capabilities 4. **Vendor Systems:** Restore external partner coordination

Phase 3: Full Capability Restoration **Priority Order:** 1. **Administrative Systems:** Restore HR, policy, and management systems 2. **Audit and Compliance Systems:** Restore full logging and monitoring 3. **Media and Communications Systems:** Restore full public relations capabilities 4. **Advanced Features:** Restore all non-essential but beneficial capabilities

Transition Back to Automated Operations

Pre-Transition Checklist

- ☐ **Technical Verification:** All systems tested and verified stable
- ☐ **Safety Assessment:** Comprehensive safety review completed
- ☐ **Personnel Briefing:** All staff briefed on transition plan and timing
- ☐ **Gradual Implementation:** Phased transition plan developed and communicated

Transition Process

1. **Announcement Phase (30 minutes before):** Notify all personnel of upcoming transition
2. **Gradual Implementation:** Restore one system at a time with verification
3. **Parallel Operation:** Run manual and automated procedures in parallel initially
4. **Full Transition:** Complete transition to automated operations
5. **Enhanced Monitoring:** Increased monitoring for first 2 hours after transition

Post-Transition Monitoring

- Enhanced monitoring of all restored systems for 24 hours
- Regular status checks with all operational teams
- Immediate rollback procedures ready if any system shows instability
- Comprehensive after-action review within 48 hours

Success Criteria for Multi-System Coordination

Immediate Response Success

- Safe operations maintained or safely halted within 15 minutes of failure recognition
- All teams coordinated and assigned roles within 30 minutes
- Enhanced communication protocols established and functioning
- Investigation begun without compromising operational safety

Sustained Response Success

- Manual operations maintaining adequate safety standards
- Technical investigation proceeding systematically across all failed systems
- Regulatory notifications completed within required timeframes
- Stakeholder communications maintaining confidence and providing accurate information

Recovery Success

- Systems restored in logical priority order
- Transition back to automated operations completed safely
- Comprehensive documentation of incident for lessons learned
- All regulatory and legal requirements met throughout incident

Overall Coordination Success

- Effective resource allocation across competing priorities
- Clear decision-making authority maintained throughout incident
- Cross-team communication effective despite system failures

- External stakeholder confidence maintained throughout incident

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