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Hampton Roads Marine Firefighting School Attendees,

The Port of Virginia and the Virginia Maritime Association are happy to present the 31st Annual Robert E. Rumens Hampton Roads Marine Firefighting School, May 8-13, 2023. This school provides 6 days of training which consists of classroom instruction, firefighting evolutions, vessel tours, and exercises following the NFPA 1005 standard. In addition to the top quality training there are many networking opportunities throughout the week.

We will have a very experienced staff of instructors who will educate responders in the complexities of the maritime environment. The instructors and personnel from the Port of Virginia, the USCG, and TMSA from the Delaware Bay area. These instructors have extensive background in marine operations, and are looking forward to providing attendees the information and skills necessary to successfully respond to a maritime emergency.

The class will be held at the Norfolk Fire Rescue Training Center, 7120 Granby St. Norfolk Virginia 23505.

Everyone that attends this course will receive a Certificate of Attendance from the Virginia Port Authority.

In order to facilitate a positive learning experience for all students we will be capping the class size to **100** or less. Due to the limited class size, we are limiting each agency to **4 students**.

The following equipment / items will be required for each student:

Fire Department Personnel

- Face covering
- Full Turnout Gear
- SCBA (No spare cylinder required)
- Hand light
- Eye Protection (non-shaded)
- Proper Foot Wear and work gloves
- Work Vest (Flotation Type III)
Required!
- Hearing Protection **Required!**

Non- Fire Department Personnel

- Face Covering
- Hardhat
- Coveralls
- Hand light
- Proper Foot Wear and work gloves
- Work Vest (Flotation Type III)
Required!
- Hearing Protection **Required!**

IMPORTANT: You must supply your own SCBA w/ cylinder, and face piece. Due to limited resources, legal and safety issues, we will not provide additional face pieces.



**** If you wish to ship your SCBA please use a UPS or FedEx location in the Norfolk Va. area. Please confirm with the shipper their availability to receive your equipment.**

Everyone must have a government issued photo ID (Fire Dept. or Agency ID is preferred). You must carry your picture ID every day of the event. This will allow you to gain access to the waterfront facilities. International attendees, bring your passport.

Registration

All participants will need to register on the Member Planet following link:

www.memberplanet.com/events/mirt/2023mffs

Payment must be made at the below Va Maritime link:

[Robert E. Rumens Hampton Roads Firefighting Symposium \(vamaritime.com\)](http://vamaritime.com)

We have a new system and will no longer have direct tickets as in the past. **Each agency or locality** will need to create an account to register all of their attendees. One of their attendees will need to be the main account holder. You will need to select the admission ticket that fits your group. (MIRT member, In State Non-MIRT, Out of State)

There is no charge for POV MIRT members.

Lodging/Travel Information

Hotel Reservations can be made by calling one of the following:

The Country Inn and Suites, 1801 Atlantic Ave. Virginia Beach, VA 23451 (757)437-9100.
Please reference the 31st Annual Marine Firefighting Symposium.

Delta Hotel by Marriott, Norfolk Airport 1570 North Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA 23502 or by calling (757)213-2231 **(Gov. rate may not be available, must ask when booking)**

Courtyard by Marriott, Downtown Norfolk 520 Plume Street, Norfolk, VA 23510 or by calling (757)963-6000. **(Gov. rate may not be available, must ask when booking)**

The closest airport is Norfolk International. (ORF)



Other key information:

All students should plan on a half day on Saturday, May 13th. Please do not make flight arrangements prior to 1500 hours. The morning session is important to allow time to test and provide certificates.

The school agenda, directions, and release / medical forms will be provided to all attendees with the Welcome information letter.

Please share this information with anyone in your agency that may be interested in attending, I do not have everyone's email addresses documented.

On behalf of the Port of Virginia and the Maritime Incident Response Team we look forward to meeting everyone and providing this important training to ensure our ports are prepared for major marine incidents.

Please contact us if you have any questions or comments.

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