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Hampton Roads Marine Firefighting School Attendees,

The Port of Virginia and the Virginia Maritime Association are happy to present the 29th Annual Robert E. Rumens Hampton Roads Marine Firefighting School, May 17-22, 2021. 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 the Northeastern U.S. 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.

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

Throughout the week social distancing requirements as outlined by the CDC and VDH will be followed. A pre-course Covid 19 questionnaire is included with this information, please complete and bring it with you to registration on the first day of class. Students will be temperature screened each day prior to class. Everyone is required to have a face mask or covering. A complete description of the Virginia Port Authority Maritime Incident Response Team Pandemic Training Policy is attached. **All students are encouraged to have received the Covid 19 vaccination prior to the class.**

The following equipment / items will be required:

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/29thannualmarinefirefightingsymposium

Payment must be made at the following links:

In-State non-MIRT: <https://www.vamaritime.com/store/viewproduct.aspx?id=17959923>
(POV MIRT members do not need to use the payment link)

Out of State/Out of Country:
<https://www.vamaritime.com/store/viewproduct.aspx?id=17959860>

Netherlands Link: <https://www.vamaritime.com/store/viewproduct.aspx?id=17959839>

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 or by calling (757)437-9100. **Please reference the 30th 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 22th. 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 everyone in your agency that may want to attend, I do not have everyone's email address 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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