



February 7th, 2025

Dear Attendees,

The Port of Virginia’s Maritime Incident Response Team is delighted to present the 33rd Annual Robert E. Rumens Hampton Roads Marine Firefighting School, taking place May 12th–17th, 2025. This six-day training program offers a comprehensive mix of classroom sessions, hands-on firefighting drills, vessel tours, and exercises designed to meet NFPA standards. Beyond the exceptional training, attendees will have numerous opportunities to network with industry professionals.

Led by experienced instructors from the Port of Virginia, the US Coast Guard, TMSA and other public safety agencies, this program is specifically tailored to equip responders with the knowledge and skills necessary to manage maritime emergencies effectively.

Training Details

The school will be held at the Norfolk Fire Rescue Training Center, 7120 Granby St., Norfolk, VA 23505. Upon completion, participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance from the Virginia Port Authority.

To ensure an optimal learning experience, class size is limited to **100 participants**, with a cap of **four (4)** attendees per agency.

Required Equipment

The following items must be brought to the training.

Fire Department Personnel	Non-Fire Department Personnel
Face covering	Face covering
Full turnout gear	Hard hat
SCBA (with cylinder and face piece)	Coveralls
Hand light	Hand light
Eye protection (non-shaded)	Proper footwear and gloves
Proper footwear and work gloves	Type III flotation work vest (Required)
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Note: Attendees are required to provide their own SCBA with cylinder and face piece. Additional face pieces will not be provided due to safety and resource constraints. SCBA units may be shipped to Norfolk, VA, via UPS or FedEx. Please confirm the recipient’s ability to receive your shipment before sending.



Identification Requirements

All attendees must carry a government-issued photo ID (Fire Dept. or Agency ID preferred) each day of the event to access waterfront facilities.

Registration

To register, please complete the following steps:

- Register on Member Planet:
www.memberplanet.com/events/mirt/33rdannualmarinefirefightingschoolnonmirt

Tuition Cost:

- \$600 / Student
- Invoices will be sent to each agency upon registration. Invoices are due to be paid no later than **April 30, 2024.**
- Please make sure you provide the best POC in the registration link as to where to email your invoice.

Lodging and Travel

Hotel accommodations are available at the following locations:

- **Springhill Suites**
Address: 901 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23451
(Block Room for School & Government rate available. Reference Marine Firefighting School – May)
- <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1734463926258&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true&app=resvlink>
- The closest airport is Norfolk International Airport (ORF).

Key Information

Please plan to stay for a half-day session on **Saturday, May 17**, which includes testing and certificate distribution. Do not book flights departing earlier than **3:00 PM**.

A detailed agenda, directions, and required forms will be included in the Welcome Letter provided to attendees. Please share this information with others in your agency who may be interested, as email addresses may not be on file.

On behalf of the Port of Virginia's Maritime Incident Response Team, we look forward to meeting you and delivering this essential training to ensure readiness for maritime incidents.



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