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## **CAL MARITIME OFFERS SMALL ARMS TRAINING FOR MARITIME ENVIRONMENT TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS**

(Vallejo, CA – March 4, 2010)... The California Maritime Academy Department of Extended Learning announced today that it is offering *Certified Small Arms Training for the Maritime Environment*, a 3-day practical field training course on the appropriate use of small arms on government-chartered and commercial vessels worldwide. Initial offerings of the course, set for March 22-24 and April 13-15, will be held on the Vallejo campus with range instruction in Richmond.

Dr. James Burns, Dean of Extended Learning, said the new course is specifically focused on the specialized challenges of deploying small arms in the maritime environment. “Company/Vessel/Facility Security officers, licensed merchant mariners and pilots, maritime cadets and maritime-mode emergency planners and responders may find this course of special interest.”

Enrollees must either have a Transport Workers Identification Card (TWIC), a current U.S. Coast Guard MMD/License or be a certified peace officer and must have no felony convictions. Costs for the course include \$1,500 for the use of weapons, targets and training aids and an additional \$300 in ammunition expenses. Course costs are eligible for qualified Department of Homeland Security Grants, but DHS grants may not be used to cover ammunition costs.

The course includes weapons safety and familiarization training, and practical firing range training using a variety of small arms, under the supervision of qualified instructors. Class enrollments are limited to 20 per session. Upon satisfactory completion, participants receive a certification form DD 2760 and 2.4 continuing education credits from the University.

For additional information visit [www.maritime-education.com](http://www.maritime-education.com), or call 707-654-1157.

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