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## CAL MARITIME OFFERS MANDATED MARITIME SECURITY AWARENESS COURSE ONLINE

(Vallejo, CA – March 13, 2009)...The California Maritime Academy, Vallejo, CA, is offering an online certificated course in Maritime Security Awareness for workers in the maritime environment. The International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002 require that regulated vessel and facility owners and operators assure and document that they have provided Maritime Security Training for "other personnel" who routinely have access to, and perform business operations inside the controlled security perimeter of a regulated facility or vessel. This includes administrative and management personnel, as well as vendors, truck drivers and service providers who require access to secure areas. Depending upon the level of existing knowledge and expertise a student brings to the course, the online self-paced training can generally be completed in 2-4 hours.

The new and improved Cal Maritime online course fully satisfies the requirements of the ISPS Code and MTSA regulations. It provides training in:

- Basic Security Regulations and Policies
- The roles of the Vessel, Facility and Company Safety Officer
- Maritime Security Levels
- Observation and Reporting Procedures
- Basic Vehicle and Personnel Screening Procedures
- Physical Security
- Access and Identification Procedures
- Surveillance Equipment Types, Applications and Operations

"Making this course available online provides flexible access for busy workers who need this training," explains J. Kim McNutt, Dean of Cal Maritime's Extended Learning program. "They can complete the course at their own pace and in coordination with their work and personal schedules."

"Taking the course is easy to do, and it is especially cost-effective when the company or organization has a large number of employees or just a single individual who needs the training. Those who successfully complete the course receive a Cal Maritime certificate upon completion. As an added benefit, we keep records of past certification and can issue a replacement copy for an individual if needed at a later date for proof of completion."

For more information, visit Cal Maritime Extended Learning at <u>www.maritime-education.com</u>, call (707) 654-1157 or e-mail <u>xl@csum.edu</u>.