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CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING COURSE WINS CA POST APPROVAL

(Vallejo, CA – April 22, 2009)... The California Maritime Academy today announced, that the California Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training (CA POST) has certified the university's **First Responder Operational Maritime Security (FROMS)** course for Continuing Professional Training (CPT) credit. FROMS focuses on the unique considerations which emergency responders must address in the maritime environment.

The course has already been approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as a State Sponsored Course (CA-008-PREV) qualifying for reimbursement using DHS and Port Security Grant Program funds from eligible jurisdictions. CA POST approval allows state and local law enforcement officers to obtain qualified continuing education professional training course credits for successful completion of the course. Approved CPT credits are used by law enforcement officers in evaluations of job performance, compensation, promotion and currency of training and experience.

FROMS is generally designed for newly hired law enforcement officers and/or predominately land-based first responders -- fire fighters, emergency planners, emergency medical personnel, and private sector maritime operators – whose response to "all hazards" events may bring them aboard vessels and into maritime-related facilities within their jurisdictional areas.

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CAPT Bruce G. Clark, Cal Maritime's Director of Maritime Security Projects, explains, "Understanding the complex jurisdictional and legal relationships among federal, state and local agencies, and the legal relationship between vessel masters and their ships, is critical to efficient and safe response, mitigation and resolution of incidents involving components of the Maritime Transportation System (MTS).”

Cal Maritime is one of a select few U.S. training organizations delivering Maritime Security Courses certified by the Coast Guard, The U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD), and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). These courses meet the requirements of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA), the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) International Ship and Port Security Code (ISPS), and State and Federal emergency management standards. As such, they are eligible for DHS grant reimbursement under the Homeland Security and Port Security Grant Programs.

The next scheduled FROMS course is June 25, 2009. For more information on all of Cal Maritime’s state/federal-approved security training courses, contact Veronica Boe at 707-654-1156 or vboe@csu.edu . Cal Maritime’s full Extended Learning course catalog can be found at <http://www.maritime-education.com>.

The California Maritime Academy, Vallejo, CA, a campus of The California State University, is one of only seven degree-granting maritime academies in the United States, and the only one on the West Coast. Cal Maritime offers four-year degrees in international business and logistics, facilities engineering technology, global studies and maritime affairs, marine engineering technology, marine transportation, and mechanical engineering, as well as professional development and extended learning programs and courses. For more information about Cal Maritime, visit www.csu.edu.