

# Cal Maritime offers extended learning

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Police officers and firefighters who need to know how to respond to emergencies on boats or in ports may be checking out California Maritime Academy's new course catalog.

The CMA courses, designed for professionals or returning students, use the school's Golden Bear training ship, plus other specialized equipment and machinery, said spokesman Doug Webster.

"These courses are designed to really focus on maritime access," he added.

Maritime security is another big focus of CMA's extended learning classes. Webster said courses meet various federal and state requirements regarding security at vessel ports and terminals.

Other class topics include security officer training, water survival training, and basic safety training, including first

aid and CPR.

The Vallejo school's Extended Learning Department has a host of continuing education programs for 2009 which students can check out online.

The CMA's expertise in maritime-related fields is reflected in many of the courses being offered, said J. Kim McNutt, school dean of sponsored projects and extended learning.

McNutt also noted CMA can customize classes to meet a group or organization's specific needs.

Cal Maritime is the only training organization in the country delivering maritime security courses certified by the Coast Guard, the U.S. Maritime Administration and the Department of Homeland Security. It also meets the requirements of numerous other agencies.

Go to [www.maritime-education.com/courses.html](http://www.maritime-education.com/courses.html) to download the catalog.