



## SHIPBOARD EMERGENCIES

### SAFETY CONCERNS

- o Consider issues of possible hazardous material cargo.
- o Personnel on ship or near water should don PFDs.
- o Establish second means of egress from ship as soon as possible.
- o Control access to the vessel.

### PRIORITY ACTIONS

- o If smoke/fire showing on arrival, call for greater alarm(s).
- o Special call Air and Haz-Mat units for one (1) hour bottles.
- o Investigate before taking action. Plan for long-term operations.
- o Locate ship's master (captain) or ship's officer.
  - Is everyone accounted for?
  - What is the situation?
  - What has been done? What is being done? What should be done?
- o **DO NOT** assume the fire department "**owns**" the vessel and can override the decisions of the ship's master or other vessel representative.
- o Retrieve fire plan and other important documents such as general and dangerous cargo manifests.
- o Notify Maritime Fire and Safety Association (MFSA) through dispatch. Other notifications will be done through MFSA.
- o **DO NOT** commit resources until information has been gathered and a plan developed.
- o Initial priority – Rescue.
- o Secure cargo/fuel supply operations to vessel.
- o Secondary priority
  - Cool exposures including compartments adjacent to and above and below fire.



# FIELD OPERATIONS GUIDE

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- o The following resources are available through MFSA:
  - Large quantities of foam and distribution equipment
  - CO2 distribution equipment
  - Slice tool
  - Additional trained personnel and firefighting equipment
  - Technical advisors
  - Additional ICS overhead personnel