



NTSB UPDATE

The NTSB Office of Marine Safety has issued a [safety alert](#) highlighting the unique risks and challenges that land-based firefighters face when responding to in-port vessel fires.

The safety alert follows several NTSB investigations into deaths and injuries to firefighters. The NTSB found land-based firefighters often lack the necessary training and familiarity with vessel layouts and fire protection systems to effectively fight in-port vessel fires. They also may be unaware of how to use the structural fire protection built into most commercial vessels.

The NTSB emphasizes that comprehensive training and vessel familiarization are vital to ensure firefighter safety and effective emergency response.

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NTSB SAFETY ALERT

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Land-Based Firefighters: Know the Risks and Challenges Posed by In-Port Vessel Fires

*Training and Vessel Familiarization
is Vital for Effective Firefighting*



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