

Training Course on IMO Model Training Course on OPRC: Level 1- First Responders

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Development	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the **OPRC Convention requirements** for first responders.
2. Describe the **legal and regulatory framework** for marine pollution response.
3. Identify types of **marine oil spills** and environmental impact.
4. Apply **incident command system (ICS)** principles in spill response.
5. Demonstrate **PPE use** and responder safety protocols.
6. Operate **oil spill response equipment** effectively.
7. Execute **containment, recovery, and disposal** procedures.
8. Monitor and assess **spill trajectory and weathering behavior**.
9. Communicate within a **multi-agency emergency response team**.
10. Conduct **site hazard assessments and risk analysis**.
11. Engage in **practical spill response simulations**.
12. Support the **national oil spill contingency plan (NOSCP)** framework.
13. Build readiness for **rapid deployment and first response coordination**.

Organizational Benefits

- Enhanced capacity in **emergency preparedness and response**
- Improved compliance with **IMO and national environmental regulations**
- Reduced environmental and reputational risk from oil spill incidents
- Strengthened internal **safety culture** and operational resilience
- Increased workforce confidence in **field response operations**

Target Participants

1. Port and harbor authorities
2. Environmental protection officers
3. Oil terminal operators
4. Shipping and maritime personnel
5. First response emergency teams
6. Marine safety inspectors
7. Coast Guard and Navy responders
8. Local disaster management units

Course Outline

Module 1: Introduction to the OPRC Convention

- Overview of IMO and OPRC mandates
- Purpose and scope of Level 1 training
- First responder responsibilities
- Environmental implications of oil spills
- Introduction to spill incident classification

Module 2: Legal and Organizational Framework

- International and national regulations
- Roles of agencies in spill response
- Incident command system (ICS) structure
- Legal liabilities and reporting procedures
- Coordination with international partners

Module 3: Spill Dynamics and Risk Assessment

- Types of oil and spill behavior
- Trajectory modeling and environmental fate
- Site hazard identification
- Risk assessment tools and matrices
- Case studies on historical spills

Module 4: PPE and Safety Protocols

- Selection and use of PPE
- Decontamination procedures
- Responder health and safety practices
- Safe handling of hazardous substances
- Emergency evacuation protocols

Module 5: Equipment and Deployment Techniques

- Introduction to response equipment
- Containment boom operations
- Skimmers and absorbents usage
- Field maintenance and deployment drills
- Equipment storage and transport

Module 6: Spill Containment and Recovery

- Strategic containment planning
- Recovery and cleanup techniques
- Onshore and offshore recovery tactics
- Waste management and disposal
- Restoration and post-spill assessment

Module 7: Communication and Coordination

- Incident reporting systems
- Public and stakeholder communication
- Coordination with other agencies
- Recordkeeping and documentation
- Media engagement during spill events

Module 8: Practical Exercises and Simulation

- Field-based spill response drills
- Scenario-based team coordination
- Real-time incident command simulations
- Evaluation of response effectiveness
- Final assessment and debrief

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led sessions with certified maritime trainers
- Hands-on simulations using real equipment
- Case studies and group discussions
- Multimedia presentations and virtual walkthroughs
- Knowledge checks and final competency evaluation

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.
- b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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