HCC PROVIDES MARINE FIREFIGHTING COURSE FOR THE LAND BASED FIREFIGHTERS OF THE ISLAND OF BARBADOS

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Students of the Marine Firefighting class comprised of Barbados Fire Service personnel and two students from the Barbados Coast Guard.
Flowing the shipboard water cannons. The class was able to tour tugboats, cruise ships, coast guard ships and see many cargo ships to observe tactical and strategic considerations in this firefighting environment and the significant challenges and hazards they could face.

Students are touring a cruise ship and seeing the storage of extinguishing agents in a mechanical room and how it is piped throughout the ship.
The students here are performing an exercise using fire suppression foam. For most of the students, this was the first time they performed a foam evolution and were amazed at its fire suppression abilities.

Students are simulating a fire in this tank and how to apply foam.

Hillsborough Community College has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Barbados Community College to conduct training such as this and assist the Barbados Fire Services in obtaining technical training that is not available to them otherwise through the Barbados Community College.

The Barbados Fire Services operates 6 stations on the island which is approximately 200 square miles and serves a population of nearly 300,000 residents and visitors. One of the 6 fire stations is located at the International Airport on the island. Annually, Barbados Fire Services responds to approximately 2,000 calls for service. EMS
services are provided primarily through the main hospital on the island and smaller private contractors.