



DAYTON, OHIO REGIONAL HAZ-MAT RESPONSE TEAM NEWSLETTER

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Thanks for a Good Year

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Team members for your dedication. Haz-Mat, like the Fire Service, is dependant on its personnel. You can have the newest, shiniest, and most modern fire engine available, but the crew riding the apparatus makes or breaks the fire. Because of your commitment, our communities are protected by one of the finest Haz-Mat Teams in the country.

We have Team members who attend training on their own time, whether they are volunteer members or paid members on their days off, sometimes with no compensation. DFD personnel must maintain their Haz-Mat skills and keep our vehicles in a state of readiness, in addition to attending their departmental training and answering alarms at one of the busiest Stations in Ohio and the country.

With the added responsibility of Domestic Preparedness and Weapons of Mass Destruction response, there is no letup in sight for our Team.

Fire departments and emergency service agencies around the country are constantly being asked to do more with less. The dedication of the men and women in these services permits us to function at such a high level of efficiency. It is this "Can Do" attitude that makes the fire service such a great organization.

One of the duties of the Coordinator is attending many meetings, many more meetings than some of you realize. I want to assure each and every member of *The Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team* that what you do is greatly appreciated by all persons I come in contact with. Your Departments and communities respect you. Sometimes in our day-to-day activities we are too busy or forget to say thanks.

Once again, THANKS, and Have a Great Holiday!

Denny

Training

In the winter and spring of 2001 as part of our monthly training we offered the *DOJ Domestic Preparedness WMD Technician Class*. This year we will repeat this course. For those who attended in 2001 this will be a great refresher. If this is your first time through, you will be exposed to a lot of good information and have an opportunity to get some hands on training with lots of different equipment and receive a certificate if you attend all of the sessions. This WMD class will be offered at the February, March, April, and May training sessions.

2004 Training Schedule

February 19, 20, 21

0900-1200 hours

Location: DFD TC

WMD Technician Class-No. 1

March 18, 19, 20

0900-1200 hours

Location: DFD TC

WMD Technician Class-No. 2

April 15, 16, 17

0900-1200 hours

Location: DFD TC

WMD Technician Class-No. 3

May 20, 21, 22

0900-1700 hours

Location: DFD TC

WMD Technician Class-No. 4

June 17, 18, 19

0900-1200 hours

Tour

Dupont Chemical

July 15, 16, 17

0900-1200 hours

Location: Miamisburg FD

Equipment Training

August 19, 20, 21

0900-1200 hours

Location: TBA

Vehicle Training

September 16, 17, 18

0900-1700 hours

Location: DFD TC

Technician Refresher

October 21, 22, 23

0900-1200 hours

Location: TBA

Scenarios

November 18, 19, 20

0900-1200 hours

Location: TBA

CAMEO & Technician Refresher