



DAYTON, OHIO REGIONAL HAZ-MAT RESPONSE TEAM NEWSLETTER

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First Responder Kits

I know almost all of the Law Enforcement Personnel and quite a few of Fire and EMS crews in the area have or will soon acquire the **WMD/Terrorism First Responder Kit**. Please use these new kits for the purpose they are intended. For the first responder with only WMD Awareness Level Training they should be used for defensive actions; OUT of the HOT ZONE. They should not be utilized to enter the HOT ZONE for offensive actions. Please take the time to read all three of the pieces of literature included with the Air Purifying Respirator (APR). Pay particular attention to the following:

- ❑ You must have a fit test and use the proper size mask.
- ❑ If you experience severe weight loss or gain you must be retested for proper fit.
- ❑ There must be at least 19.5% Oxygen present in the atmosphere you are working in.
- ❑ You must use the proper cartridge for the material involved.
- ❑ The concentration of the material must be known.
- ❑ Do not use the APR in an IDLH environment.

In addition to reading the literature, you need to train using this equipment. The ability to perform your basic skills and job functions while wearing this equipment (gloves, suit, mask and boots) will be hampered. Attempt the following while the protective ensemble is being worn:

- ❑ Drive your vehicle.
- ❑ Qualify on the range using your side arm and a long rifle or other weapon fired from the shoulder.
- ❑ Start an IV line.
- ❑ Perform an intubation.
- ❑ Talk on the radio and be understood.
- ❑ Use a pair of binoculars.

I am sure you will think of other tasks that you normally take for granted, try it.

Please remember, how safe are you if you are wearing an APR and others are wearing SCBA in the same area? Think about it.

Please feel free to contact the coordinator if you have any questions.

Additional Training Dates

At the April meeting of the Greene County Fire Chiefs, a discussion regarding participation from the Greene County Fire Departments went very well. We have quite a few Firefighters in Greene County that have Technician Level Training but have not joined the Team. One of the stumbling blocks may be the hardship of attending our drills on Saturday mornings. I offered to conduct a fourth drill session in Greene County each month. We will imitate this extra drill when we get additional members from Greene County onboard.

2004 Training Schedule

May 20, 21, 22

0900-1700 hours

Location: DFD TC

WMD Technician Class—No. 4

Functional Exercise

The Team will be conducting a Functional Exercise for the LEPC during our regular monthly training on May 21, 2004. Please try and attend on this day so you can be part of this terrific experience. If at all possible your attendance on Friday, May 21 will be greatly appreciated.

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

WMD Exercise

Greene County EMA will be conducting a Full Scale WMD exercise on June 15, 2004 at The Nutter Center at WSU. . It will start at 0800 hours and last about half a day with lunch provided. The Team will be participating and we are in need of members to help. This exercise will count as a monthly training. Please try and attend.