



DAYTON, OHIO REGIONAL HAZ-MAT RESPONSE TEAM NEWSLETTER

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Membership Status

The Team recognizes three levels of membership. These levels reflect the level of participation in Team training by the member in the previous calendar year (January 1–December 31) and the medical status of the member. Participation in Team training activities is of great importance. It is during these training sessions that members develop working relationships and we build the Team. Also new and updated tools, equipment, and procedures often pertaining to safety are presented. Hazardous materials emergency response is dynamic; philosophy changes continuously, along with procedures and equipment. For these reasons, the following member status levels have been adopted.

- **New Member** status is given to all members during their first twelve months of membership on the Team, regardless of their level of training. This period of time is needed for the member to become familiar with other Team members, equipment, and procedures. After completing the twelve-month minimum time as a **new** member, a member may be moved to **active** status. If he/she has attained Technician level training and met the minimum training attendance requirements, a **new** member may be upgraded to **active** status. If a **new** member fails to meet the requirements to be upgraded to an **active** member

status, he/she may remain at the **new** member status for an additional twelve months. If after the second twelve-month period the member has still not met the requirements for **active** member status, he/she may be asked to resign from the Team.

- **Active Member** status may be attained by members after completing 12 months at **new** member status. **Active** members are members who are trained to Haz-Mat Technician Level with current refresher training documentation and meet the following criteria:

1. Attended a minimum of five training sessions with the Team in the preceding calendar year.
2. One of the five sessions attended must be a Technician Refresher Session, typically conducted in May, September and November.
3. Meet the most current OSHA 1910.120 criteria for Medical Surveillance.
4. A member may request that outside training be accepted in lieu of a portion of the Team training. This request must be made in writing to the Team Coordinator. The Coordinator will present the request to the Training Committee for consideration. The maximum amount of outside training hours that may be granted is

eight. All *Active* team members must have attended a minimum of four training sessions in the preceding calendar year, regardless of outside training hours that may be awarded. Regular attendance at Team training is our primary goal.

- ***Inactive Member*** status is assigned to members when they do not meet the criteria of an *active* member. The member will be notified of their *inactive* status and advised that they must meet the criteria for an *active* member during the current calendar year or risk being asked to resign from the Team. If the reason for the *inactive* status is due to medical surveillance, the member's status can be changed when the proper documentation is supplied to the Coordinator. At the conclusion of the calendar year the participation of the *inactive* member will be reviewed and their status reevaluated. Although a member is carried as *inactive*, they are members of the Team and are urged to participate to the fullest extent possible.

Welcome

Please welcome our newest Team members:

Scott Meyers-Trotwood FD

John Sands-Vandalia FD

Scott Donegia-Xenia City FD

Brad French-Xenia City FD

Captain Keith Giffin-Xenia FD

Chief Jeff Leaming-Xenia City FD

Alex Zaharieff-Xenia City FD

Dennis Fox-Xenia Twp. FD

Tim Hines-Xenia Twp. FD

Brian Miller-Xenia Twp. FD

Roy Pendleton-Xenia Twp. FD

Please welcome our new members when you see them.

Training

Training for 2005 will mainly consist of hands-on sessions. The subject matter for each month is open at this time. In 2005 we will be putting a new Haz-Mat 1 in service and will receive numerous pieces of new equipment. The equipment will be utilizing new technology and will require our Team to train with some pieces repeatedly to develop the familiarity required to be proficient in its use, care and maintenance.

Many thanks to Jon Reichman for an excellent presentation last month. Jon managed to educate us on RADIATION and made it interesting while doing it.

March Training

March training is moved to the second week to avoid conflicts with Easter/Spring break.

March training will be conducted by Lt. Gary Rettig. The subject is bonding and grounding during product transfer. Gary will be providing training on our newly acquired equipment. ***This will be hands-on training and we will be going outside, so please dress for the weather.*** As always, we can expect a super presentation from Gary

We will be at the Dayton FD Training Center on McFadden Avenue, which is off of Springfield Street.

2005 Training Schedule

March 10-11-12

0900-1200 hours

April 21-22-23

0900-1200 hours

May 19-20-21

0900-1700 hours

June 16-17-18

0900-1200 hours

July 21-22-23

0900-1200 hours

August 18-19-20

0900-1200 hours

September 15-16-17

0900-1700 hours

October 20-21-22

0900-1200 hours

November 17-18-19

0900-1200 hours

December

No Training