



DAYTON, OHIO REGIONAL HAZ-MAT RESPONSE TEAM NEWSLETTER

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Interoperability

The new buzzword for the last few years in our area has been *interoperability*. A giant push was started by a group of Fire Chiefs that believed their Departments needed the ability to talk to each other during emergency incidents. Many hours of meetings, dollars, and all around hard work were poured into this project. Communications equipment was purchased, and a radio template was developed to ensure agencies would have the ability to operate more safely and efficiently at the scene of emergencies.

Well, it works!! The Team was involved in a mass casualty incident a few weeks ago and the *interoperability* system was instrumental in the smoothness of the operation. Congratulations, and thanks to all who have made this vision become operational.

What is Your Status?

Just a reminder to each Team member—to maintain active status you must meet the following training requirements each calendar year:

- Attend a minimum of 5 of our 10 monthly trainings.
- One of the 5 trainings must be the May or September training.
- If you have attended outside training, please submit documentation to the training committee for consideration of credit for annual training requirements.

The 2005 Training Tally Sheet will be available at this month's training. Please review your attendance record and discuss any problems with the Coordinator.

Welcome

Please welcome our newest Team member, Chief Bob Olwin—Silvercreek FD.

Training

Forty Hour Technician Class

A *40 hour Haz-Mat Technician Class* will be held on January 7, 8, 14 & 15, 2006. The class will be held at Sugarcreek Twp. FD on Cloy Rd. Please contact the Coordinator for additional information.

October Training

This month's training will be held on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd at the Dayton Fire Training Center on McFadden Avenue off of Springfield Street. 0900-1200 hours each day. The evening session on the 20th will be conducted at BEAVERCREEK FIRE DEPT. STATION 1, 2195 Dayton-Xenia Rd. at Orchard Lane, from 1830-2130 hours. We will have Manufacturer's reps present to provide hands-on training for some of our new equipment.

2005 Training Schedule

October 20-21-22, DFDTC

0900-1200 hours

October 20, Beavercreek FD Station 1

1830-2130 hours

November 17-18-19

0900-1200 hours

November 17

1830-2130 hours

December

No Training