



DAYTON, OHIO REGIONAL HAZ-MAT RESPONSE TEAM NEWSLETTER

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Safety

It is imperative that we constantly address safety issues at our scenes. The safety of our crews and the public must be at the top of our priority list, and it must be addressed at each and every incident. The use of an Incident Management System and the creation and staffing of a Safety Officer position is mandated by OSHA 1910.120. More importantly, we should have a SO because we are genuinely concerned about each other's safety.

Positive identification of the materials involved at any incident is mandatory for the safety of everyone at the scene. To ensure **Positive ID** of the materials the following questions should be asked and the answers verified:

- How was it identified?
 1. Container Markings
 2. Placard
 3. Shipping Papers
 4. Verbal?, WHO?
- Who made the identification?
 1. Fire
 2. Law Enforcement
 3. EMS
 4. Civilian

You should be comfortable with the answers to the above questions.

Just how comfortable you will be with the situation after the positive ID has been made will be dependant on the following:

- What are the physical properties of the material? flammable, toxic, corrosive, or radioactive
- How much material has been released?
- Where has the release occurred? Inside, outside, highly populated area, rural area

Once the above questions have been answered, be certain you have the personnel and equipment on the scene to handle the incident safely and bring it to a safe conclusion.

Training

40 hour Technician Class

A Haz Mat Technician class will be conducted on January 6-7-13-14, 2007 at the New Lebanon Fire Department. This class is open to all Fire, Law Enforcement and EMS personnel at no charge. This is a Cleveland State University class.

If planning to attend or if you have questions, please call Denny Bristow at 937-901-5112.

October Training

October training will be held at Dayton Fire Training Center on October 19-20-21 from 0900 hours till 1200 hours. Thursday evening training will be at Beavercreek FD Station 3 starting at 1830 hours.

2006 Training Schedule

October 19-20-21

At DFD Training Center
0900-1200 hours

October 19
At Beaver Creek FD Station 3
1830-2130 hours

November 16-17-18
CAMEO review
0900-1200 hours
November 16
1830-2130 hours

December
No Training