

Assisting communities prepare for and respond to possible hazardous materials transportation incidents.

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Training Trains: One Man's Hobby Out of Control

Volunteer Firefighter's Safety Train Takes Hazmat Training to New Level

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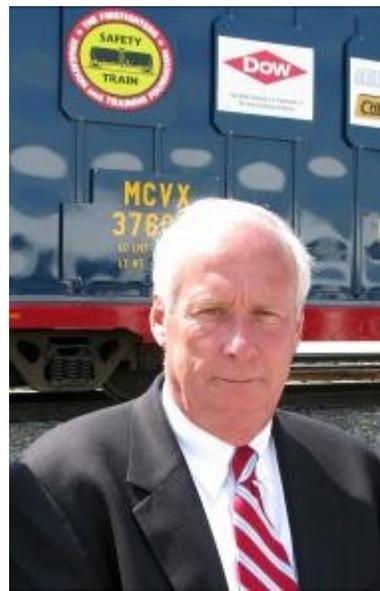
When a hazardous materials incident involving rail transportation occurs, local first responders are often first on the scene. Since these incidents are infrequent, most responders will only experience a couple hazmat incidents in their careers. Yet since most of the damage done in a hazmat incident typically occurs in the first five minutes, it is imperative that the responders know precisely how to react to the situation.

One way responders can gain necessary hands-on experiences is through simulated drills and

exercises using The Firefighters Education and Training Foundation's Safety Train. The Safety Train, created by John

O'Neill of Sherborn, MA, is comprised of multiple railcars which have been specially outfitted for training purposes.

The train is often used in conjunction with nationwide events presented by TRANSCAER® (Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response), a voluntary national outreach effort that focuses on assisting communities prepare for and respond to a possible hazardous materials transportation incidents by bringing the chemical and transportation industry experts into local communities to provide free transportation and chemical safety training to emergency personnel.



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Continuing reading about The Safety Train by visiting Latest News at www.TRANSCAER.com

FRA Continues Support to TRANSCAER in 2010

Building on the momentum from last year's TRANSCAER North and South Dakota's tour success, the Federal Railroad

Administration (FRA) is again earmarking a new grant for TRANSCAER training. The 2010 Grant of \$50,000 will be

used to help communities prepare for and respond to possible hazardous materials transportation incidents.

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Training Trains: One Man's Hobby Out of Control^(cont. 1)

Even though the Foundation's Safety Train is considered the largest "training train," it was not the first of its kind. For decades, rail-based units have been training first responders on how to deal with railroad tank car accidents. As early as 1987, chemical companies DuPont and Rohm and Haas were taking specially outfitted rail cars across the country to train first responders to deal with hazmat incidents pertaining to their products.

DuPont and Rohm and Haas were definitely on to something. Their mobile railcar training programs were quickly followed by similar programs sponsored by from the Chemistry Industry Association of Canada (formerly Canadian Chemical Producers' Association); other chemical companies, such as AMOCO and Chevron; and several Class I railroads.

Within two years of launching its program, DuPont added two additional sets of railcars to the initial "CAER Car." The cars were designed to educate first responders about potential leak points and demonstrate the domes and valve fittings used in the tank cars that transport both high- and low-pressure commodities by rail. Since 1988, DuPont has delivered one- and two-week emergency response training programs - at no cost to the trainees - to more than 96,000 first responders in 22 countries on three continents. The company has spent more than \$75

million on its program over the years, according to Raymond Beaudry, Director Global Emergency Preparedness, Planning, Training, and Response, who runs DuPont's program.

While chemical companies were addressing the need for training programs from a manufacturers' standpoint, O'Neill, a volunteer firefighter, developed the Safety Train after seeing the need for such a program first-hand. Previously the general manager of a company that cleaned up rail accidents, as well as a lieutenant in his hometown fire department, O'Neill's experience had shown that while firefighters are usually the first ones to respond to rail hazmat incidents, they often have limited training in the field, and even less on-the-job experience because the incidents are so rare.

Assistant Fire Chief Tim Butters (City of Fairfax, VA), Chairman of the International Association of Fire Chiefs' (IAFC) Hazardous Materials Committee, explained, "What often challenges firefighters is not having accurate and timely information about the specific hazardous materials that may be involved in the incident, and not being familiar with railroad containers and other specialized equipment. The Safety Train program allows firefighters to train with the actual railroad equipment, and provides access to the expertise of in-

dustry, which will help them be better prepared for incidents."

"Whether it's a house fire or a railroad incident, the most critical time of any incident is during the first five to ten minutes," O'Neill said in a recent interview aboard a revamped CSX rail car at Union Station in Washington, D.C. As such, the actions of those first on the scene take "will determine whether you have a successful outcome or a disastrous outcome," he added. "By the time a professional hazmat team can arrive, the damage has already been done."

According to O'Neill it is important for responders from different agencies in a single area to train together and know each other outside of an emergency. Knowing in advance how each person works will help if an actual emergency arises.

To make his point, O'Neill staged a train wreck in his hometown. In 1994, he simulated a derailment with a tank car leaking hazardous material known as the "Sherborn's Great Train Wreck." No aspect of the drill was too great or small: smoke machines were brought in to simulate a real wreck; school buses came, filled with children made up to look like they were injured; water was pumped into the town - they had to dig up a state highway to do it - to help firefighters learn how to deal with a possible derailment of this magnitude.

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FRA Continues Support to TRANSCAER in 2010 (cont. 1)

“This grant is a great demonstration of the cooperation and on-going teamwork TRANSCAER is founded on, bringing together manufacturers, transporters, shippers, local, state and federal governments — All of whom are focused on a single goal, to enhance and ensure that our communities and responders throughout the nation are trained and prepared to safely respond in the unlikely event of a transportation incident occurring in their area,” said Rollie Shook, Chairman, National TRANSCAER Task Group.

The three TRANSCAER Federal Railroad Administration’s approved Grant requests for 2010 include:

- **BNSF Railway** – to conduct at least seven training sessions in California. Those locations are at Riverside, Commerce, San Bernardino, Barstow, Fresno, Riverbank and Stockton - \$20,000.00
- **KCS Railway Company** – to conduct two training sessions in Shreveport, Louisiana and at Kendleton, Texas - \$15,000.00
- **Norfolk Southern Corporation** – to conduct at least five training sessions in Alabama. Those locations are at Mobile, McIntosh, Selma, Jasper, and Muscle Shoals - \$15,000.00

Last summer, FRA presented TRANSCAER with a \$25,000 grant specifically targeting ethanol-focused transportation training in North and South Dakota.

During this tour, BNSF Railway offered four TRANSCAER training tours and individual training events for the states of North and South Dakota. The four stop Dakotas TRANSCAER tour spanned the month of June and saw multi day training sessions at Mitchell and Aberdeen South Dakota and Bismarck and Fargo North Dakota.

For information about upcoming 2010 TRANSCAER Training Tours, please visit www.TRANSCAER.com/Events.

Training Trains – One Man’s Hobby Out of Control (cont. 2)

The train used for the exercise included an engine, three tank cars, two boxcars and a caboose. O’Neill pitched the idea to local fire departments and other participants in the event by telling them, “You can have a simulated wreck or a real one.”

In the end, he trained scores of firefighters from more than a dozen towns, with nearly 250 people on site; some received training and some just watching the spectacle. The event was such a success

that O’Neill decided the same kind of training should be made available to first responders across the country. What better way than to hit the rails than with real trains?

Initially, getting backing from sponsors was not easy. At first, O’Neill paid for the trains himself, then through fundraisers for the next few years.

“The sponsors didn’t think it would happen,” he said, because he was a volun-

teer firefighter with no corporate backing. He admits that people thought he was crazy, and that they eventually gave in “because they thought I’d go away.”

The tactic worked.

The Safety Train article continues — please visit Latest News at www.TRANSCAER.com

TRANSCAER Increases Community Grants to \$20,000 In 2010

The National TRANSCAER® Task Group is pleased to announce that grant money to help offset operational expenses is now available for communities planning to host TRANSCAER training events in 2010.

The National TRANSCAER Task Group is earmarking \$20,000.00 for TRANSCAER events in 2010.

If you are planning to host a TRAN-

SCAER event in your community and it meets the approved criteria (please visit GRANTS @ www.TRANSCAER.com) you may be eligible to apply for a grant ranging from \$500.00 (minimum) per event up to \$1,000.00 (maximum) per event. There is no deadline for submitting GRANT requests in 2010, however, GRANTS are issued on a first come, first serve basis.

The 2010 TRANSCAER GRANT ap-

plications open now and are available until the funds are depleted. The TRANSCAER Awards Committee will be comprised of members of the TRANSCAER Executive Committee (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Immediate Past Chairman, TRANSCAER Staff Executive, At-Large Member) and the NTTG representative for each of the National TRANSCAER Sponsors not already serving on the TRANSCAER Executive Committee.

TRANSCAER Sponsors Flow Study in North Carolina



A Transportation Commodity Flow Study of Hazardous Materials was completed on major interstates throughout Western North Carolina this fall thanks in part to TRANSCAER, the Asheville Fire and Rescue Department and the U. S Department of Transportation.



This commodity flow study, which was originally requested by Abby Moore of the Asheville Fire and Rescue Department, was made possible through TRANSCAER's ongoing commitment to connecting community leaders with the right resources and tools necessary to help gain a better understanding and plan for hazardous materials that are being transported through communities on highways and railways. "The primary purpose of this Flow Study was to help the State of North Carolina and area Local Emergency Planning Committees

(LEPC's), along with area citizens, to clearly understand what types of hazardous commodities are being shipped near or through the Interstate-26 and Interstate-40 corridors near Asheville," said Rollie Shook, Chairman, National TRANSCAER Task Group.

Information provided by this study is also intended to serve as a tool for identifying Emergency Response needs and to aid the State and local communities with understanding and determining the risks involved with the shipments of hazardous materials and the potential

impacts they may have on community resources .

"By completing this commodity flow study, Asheville's emergency response leader's hope that it leads to practical on-going training exercises and drills," said Abby Moore, Emergency Management Specialist, Asheville Fire and Res-



cue Department. "We are hoping that this study will also serve as a benchmark for other emergency response communities to follow and further grow upon so that all communities can be more prepared and ultimately safer."

Based on the positive community feedback, the flow study data has also been an invaluable resource for local first responders who will now be able to train and be better prepared to handle incidents that may occur in their communities.

To further build on this hazardous materials study, CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern Corporation are also providing their traffic flow density reports.

"Plans are currently underway to utilize both highway and rail traffic data to provide a complete training program for area

first responders," said Moore. "These training events will consist of several 'normal' instructional and hands-on training programs, leading into a comprehensive table-top exercise involving all aspects of the community that could be impacted by a potential hazardous materials incident. A larger, full-scale exercise is also scheduled for May 2010 in Asheville."

The National TRANSCAER Task Group also provided the Asheville Fire and Rescue Department with a \$500.00 grant, which was useful during the coordination of the study and will help with further educational training endeavors.

A special **Thank You** goes out to the U. S. Department of Energy, Asheville Fire Department, Buncombe & Henderson County Emergency Management, Western North Carolina Emergency Management Coordinators, North Carolina State Highway Patrol and HE-PACO for their assistance in completing the study.

For additional information about setting up a Transportation Commodity Flow Study in your community, please contact Bill Spurgeon, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Transportation at wiliam.spurgeon@em.doe.gov.

To learn more about the North Carolina flow study, please contact Abby Moore, Asheville Fire and Rescue Department, amoore@ashevillenc.gov.

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TRANSCAER Increases Community Grant Fund to \$20,000 for

No individual in consideration for an award may serve on the TRANSCAER Awards Committee during that Awards Committee session.

No company representative may sit on the Awards Committee during that session if his/her company is being considered for an award, nor may any association representative of an association under consideration serve on the Committee during that session.

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact Donna Lepik at dlepik@transcaer.com or 703-741-5503. Grant applicants are encouraged to apply for

grants online directly by visiting www.TRANSCAER.com and go to GRANTS. You may also submit your requests on official letterhead.

Requests can be mailed to: Donna Lepik, TRANSCAER Staff Executive
1300 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22209

The letter should summarize how the applicant intends to meet the following criteria:
* Type of target audience?
* Type of activity or event?
* Number of expected attendees?
* How does the event advertise TRANSCAER?
* How does the activity sup-

port the objectives of TRANSCAER?
* How money will be used?

New Guidelines:

- Each Grant application MUST include a copy of a W-9 - Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification - please note: the name on the Grant application must match the name on W-9.
- Each Grant recipient must provide copies of the receipts for each grant awarded within 30 days of the event.



TRANSCAER Accepting Award Nominations Now

The TRANSCAER Awards program for 2009 is now underway. Nominations will be accepted for outstanding TRANSCAER program efforts in 2009 through March 1, 2010. The Awards program is designed to:

- Recognize the achievements of individuals, companies, and organizations that have gone beyond the normal call of duty to advocate, demonstrate, and implement the principles of TRANSCAER;
- Enhance the public recognition of TRANSCAER; and
- Increase participation in the initiative.

TRANSCAER Awards, in order of award seniority, are:

- TRANSCAER Distinguished Service Award
- National Achievement Award
- Regional Achievement Award
- TRANSCAER Chairman's Award (awarded at the discretion of the current Chairman)
- Individual Recognition Award
- TRANSCAER Certificate of Appreciation

Here are the deadlines for this year's TRANSCAER Award Nominations:

Disseminate Award Forms/Packages	Forms Are ONLINE – Accessible Anytime
Closing/Deadline for Award Nominations	March 1, 2010
Distribute to Awards Committee for Review	Week of March 8-12, 2010
Awards Committee Review. Recipients Selected	March 18, 2010
Notify Recipients in Writing. Announce Recipients	April 1, 2010
Coordinate Award Presentations	At the Recipients Discretion

To learn more about the TRANSCAER Awards, please visit: <http://www.transcaer.com/awards>
For additional information, please email Donna Lepik @ dlepik@transcaer.com

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Executive Committee

If you are interested in becoming involved in TRANSCAER please contact Donna Lepik, dlepik@transcaer.com or call 703-741-5503.



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Upcoming TRANSCAER Events

2010 Asheville, North Carolina TRANSCAER Events

Tuesday, March 9th through Friday, March 12th – Focus on Hazardous Material Technician Training. Utilize Norfolk Southern's Dome Trailer and CSX Transportation's tank car pressure plate assemblies, and fire department capping kits. Classes will be held at Asheville Fire Department, Greensboro Fire Department and Charlotte Fire Department.

Wednesday, April 14th – Hold Crisis Management Exercise (4 hour) conducted by Compliance Associates. This is an interactive tabletop exercise and will be conducted for all potential parties that may be impacted by a train derailment or unusual occurrence. The exercise will be held on the campus of AB Technical College Enka Campus.

Wednesday, May 12th - Hold On Track "Live Drill" on the Tracks of Norfolk Southern

Thursday, May 13th – "Day Two" hands on training classes to review response actions on general service and pressure tank cars. On this day neighboring fire departments from

Buncombe, Henderson and other Western NC Counties will be offered the opportunity to come to participate.

For additional information on these training events, please contact Abby Moore, Emergency Management Specialist, Asheville Fire and Rescue Department, 828-775-4818 or amoore@ashevillenc.gov and Bob Baxter, HEPACO, NC State TC Coordinator, bbaxter@hepaco.com or 704-564-8849.



CA TRANSCAER Offers Railroad Tank Car Hazmat Training in Riverside

The California TRANSCAER Group in association with the national TRANSCAER organization will be sponsoring free railroad tank car hazardous materials emergency responder training **February 8, 9 & 10 in Riverside County, CA.**

Trainings will cover responding to emergencies involving rail tank cars, rail tank car anatomy, and leak mitigation. Training is hands on utilizing a specialized rail tank car equipped for training emergency responders.

Training is conducted by experienced industry responders. Classes are three hours in length and are planned to be offered at the following times each day;

- February 8th 9 am to 12 Noon
- February 8th 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
- February 9th 9 am to 12 Noon
- February 9th 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

- February 10th 9 am to 12 Noon
- February 10th 1:30 pm to 4:30pm

Classes cover the same information and exercises each session. There are a total of 40 slots available for each class. Note there are 30 slots (remaining) available for each morning class, and 40 slots available for the afternoon classes each day as of December 21, 2009.

Interested parties are encouraged to register online through the TRANSCAER website and sessions may change based on registrations and/or confirmations received.

Location Information: On the BNSF tracks adjacent to the Riverside National Cemetery. TRANSCAER is working on confirming use of a training classroom at the Ben Clark Training Facility which is right down the road. The tracks run N/S along the west side of the 215, im-

mediately adjacent on the east side of the Riverside National Cemetery; there is no street address. All local agencies will know this location; it is on the southwest side of the intersection of the 215 and Van Buren Blvd.

For additional information, please contact one of the following:
Scott Etzel, The Dow Chemical Company, 925-432-5410, setzel@dow.com
Dan Coots, TCR Industries, Inc (714) 521-5222, danc@tcrindustries.com



Upcoming TRANSCAER Events

Wheeling & Lake Erie, CSX to Host DOW Safety Train

In May and June of this year, The Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway and CSX Transportation along with DOW Chemical, will be bringing the DOW Safety Train to Ohio and Pennsylvania. The Wheeling and Lake Erie will have the cars for a total of 12 days.

The cars will start their tour in Greentree, PA, a suburb of Pittsburgh, on May 26th and 27th. The cars will then move to Canton, OH on June 1st and 2nd. After Canton, they will proceed to Akron, OH on June 1st and 2nd.

Finally they will make their last stop CSX Transportation, Willard Terminal, Willard, OH, Huron County Ohio.

The dates for Huron County will be June 6th and 7th. This is the first time that the Wheeling and Lake Erie has hosted the DOW Safety Train. The Wheeling in the past has hosted similar training cars but has never done a multi city event. The Railroad Environmental

Department is very proud to be hosting this training. The goal is to familiarize the Emergency Response Personnel of the local LEPC's along with County and

City HazMat teams, on the hazards of responding to a rail and highway truck emergency. They will also be made familiar with truck and rail equipment so they could possibly mitigate a leak when one is discovered.

The training can accommodate up to 80 participants per day. The Wheeling and Lake Erie will be working with the State Coordinators of Ohio and Pennsylvania Transcaer to help make this event possible.



CSX Launches Free Interactive Training for First Responders

JACKSONVILLE, FL — CSX recently launched a free, online training program to educate emergency personnel on how to safely respond to incidents on and around railroad property and equipment. The site at www.csxsafe.com, is the first of its kind, launched by a U.S. railroad for this audience. CSXSAFE offers participants the opportunity to gain an understanding of how railroads operate, including some of the hazards of working around the rails and necessary protocols to keep responders safe. This web-based program takes less than an hour to complete, and is intended to provide important information to public agency personnel in fire and police departments, rescue and emergency medical organizations. "Every day, emergency workers put themselves in harm's way to protect the public in homes, office

buildings, factories, agricultural facilities and other locations, each with distinct hazards," said Mike Lunsford, CSX director-chemical safety. "CSXSAFE is one of the ways we help these brave men and women by educating them on



the unique challenges posed by railroad operations. Emergency personnel have to know a great deal about a variety of different industries and settings, and we want to make it as easy as possible for them to learn about ours." The educational section of the site is organized into four parts, providing basics on

Safety, CSX Operations, Initial Response and Railroad Equipment. Upon completion of the training modules, participants take a quiz, print a certificate of completion and are able to browse through upcoming in-person training opportunities being offered across the CSX network.

"For those who don't work for the railroad, our equipment can be intimidating and some safety risks may not be apparent," said Cliff Stayton, director of Community Affairs & Safety. "This training is designed to help emergency workers make good decisions quickly and know who to call to get help."

For additional information, please contact M. D. (Mike) Lunsford CSP, Director - Chemical Safety, 904-359-1685 or Michael_Lunsford@csx.com

Past TRANSCAER Events

KCSM provides TRANSCAER training to emergency responders in Guanajuato

On September 24 and 25 at the Universidad Latina de Mexico in Celaya, Guanajuato, KCSM provided Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response (TRANSCAER) training to emergency responders from communities throughout the State of Guanajuato.

Coordinated by KCSM and the Celaya, Guanajuato Civil Protection Municipal Unit, the training was well attended by civil protection, firefighters, police, road and highway patrol, environmental, health and safety, paramedics and the Local Committee for Mutual Aid from the communities of Celaya, San Miguel de Allende, Salvatierra and Comonfort.

TRANSCAER is a voluntary national outreach effort that focuses on assisting communities prepare for and respond to a possible transportation incident.

The training was conducted in the same theme as the TRANSCAER hazmat Safety Train.

Training topics included PETRAM, KCSM's emergency plan for accidents involving rail transportation of hazardous materials; unified site incident command; site evaluation; car types and car anatomy; the hazmat classification system, placards and labels, including environmentally sensitive substances and

marine pollutants; personal protection equipment; and emergency contacts, among other pertinent topics.

Participating in the event on behalf of KCSM were superintendente de transportes Zona Sur Jesús Baltazar, as incident commander in case of an hazmat emergency in the region, and jefe de riesgo ambiental Marco Antonio González, serving as instructor, as well as representatives of HESCA Ingeniería Ambiental (HESCA) and Equipos de Seguridad Industrial e Institucional (ESII).

For More Information About TRANSCAER Events
Visit www.TRANSCAER.com/EVENTS

Louisiana TRANSCAER Team Supports CERT Training Event

We all are all familiar with those transportation crossroads that run through some towns, making them much busier than others. Those familiar with Tangipahoa Parish in southeastern Louisiana know this region and the town of Hammond specifically meet this description. Hammond is nestled between:

- Interstate 55 to the west (which connects Memphis to Interstate 10 and New Orleans),
- Interstate 12 to the South (which connects Baton Rouge to Slidell), and
- The Canadian National railroad that runs not only down the center of the U.S., but also through the center of Hammond.

The town of Hammond provided the perfect backdrop for a major emergency response training exercise on November 12th. Tangipahoa Parish has its own Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Response (OHSEP), which has just trained its new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

In an effort to drill those lessons learned by the CERT, and to get the various agencies comprising the CERT to practice working together, OHSEP developed a scenario that consisted of a train carrying hazardous chemicals colliding with a tank truck hauling hazardous chemicals. This simulated collision was to have taken place in downtown Hammond, in the midst of "old town" with all of its hustling businesses, outdoor cafés, and only a couple of

blocks from two busy city parks and the local university. For practical purposes, it was actually staged just north of town on a railroad siding. This is where the resources of Louisiana's TRANSCAER® team came into play.

Event organizers from CERT and the CN railroad contacted coordinator Joey Dugas with The Dow Chemical Company to provide the Dow/TRANSCAER® training train.

In turn, Dugas contacted Steve Torres with Schneider National Bulk Carriers, and also a TRANSCAER® coordinator, to provide a chemical tank truck and driver.

On the day of the event, the training train was in place, and on cue, the bulk tank truck arrived at the scene to simulate an attempt to cross the tracks in front of the "moving train." The displays were actually static at this point; no contact was actually made between transportation vehicles; and no roadways or tracks were actually blocked. However, to add drama to the scene, it was reported that the tank truck had been stolen and that's why the driver had fled the scene after the "collision." The impacted caused product leaks in both the tank truck trailer and rail tank car.

For additional information on Louisiana TRANSCAER, visit www.TRANSCAER.com/STATE.

Past TRANSCAER Events

Louisiana TRANSCAER Team Supports CERT Training

One can imagine how the events played out from this dramatic kick-off. A fleeing driver had to be apprehended. Law enforcement officers that were first to the scene (role players), were down after being overcome by fumes as they tried to investigate the scene. “Fumes” were drifting through town. It was a worst case scenario that eventually roped in 28 agencies, including the Louisiana State Police, the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff’s office, multiple towns’ police departments, and even the university campus police. These agencies had the challenges of coordinating the efforts of their command cells. In the meantime, local hospitals were being taxed



by the special needs of the “victims” which included the need for decontaminating these victims.

At the end of the day, many objectives had been met by the participants in this exercise, the most notable of which were lessons in how to overcome the communication and coordination challenges at a multi-agency event. Naturally, the training aids provided through TRANSCAER® were instrumental in adding reality to the exercise. Louisiana’s TRANSCAER® team stands ready to offer training assistance at future events like this. For more information on this event, see these links:

<http://www.tangipahoa.org/News/Detail.cfm?PostID=125>

Pennsylvania



Top Photo: From Left, John Casey, Norfolk Southern Railroad with his Individual Achievement Award; Craig Curry, React Environmental Services, Inc, with the Pennsylvania Regional Achievement Award; and Bill Macready, Past Chairman, National TRANSCAER Task Group and New Jersey State Coordinator.

Photo to Left - PATC Team – From Left, John Casey, Ed Patterson, Jack Rozman, Bill Macready, Craig Curry, Mike Zickler, Paul Little and Art Kaplan



SAFETY TRAIN IN ACTION — John O'Neill's Firefighters Education and Training Foundation's Safety Train has earned him recognition by the National TRANSCAER Task Group's Chairman with the TRANSCAER Chairman's Award for 2008. Training cars that are used with the Safety Train are dedicated to John's son John O'Neill II and Chief John Eversole of Chicago. Their photos are prominently on display in each of the training cars that are dedicated to each of them.



Mike Eversole proudly stands next to a photo of his father, Chief John Eversole during the dedication of the Safety Train that is dedicated in Chicago in 2008. John O'Neill's son's jersey number (31) is highlighted in a cloud in the training car dedicated to John II.





For additional information regarding The Firefighters Education and Training Foundation's Safety Train, please contact, John O'Neill via sfytrain@cape.com, or P. O. Box 550, Sherborn MA 01770, or call 508-308-1216.



2009 Norfolk Southern Whistle-Stop Tour

A SUCCESS YET AGAIN!

The Norfolk Southern 2009 Whistle-Stop Tour kicked off in Buffalo, NY on Tuesday, September 22. After stops in Cleveland, Toledo, and Columbus, OH, the trip ended in Charleston, WV on Saturday, September 26.



Five cities in five days and mission accomplished as approximately 800 emergency responders took advantage of the training provided by chemical and rail transportation experts.

The Whistle-Stop Tour brings emergency preparedness training to response organizations and educates communities near major rail routes about rail equipment, chemical transportation, and the

importance of planning for potential hazardous material transportation emergencies. At each location, railroad training tank cars, specialized emergency response vehicles, and over-the-road tank trucks were on display. Persons in attendance included State and local emergency planning committee members, emergency responders, and government officials.

All five classroom cars were kept busy with a variety of workshops each day. The workshops presented included Introduction to Tank Cars, Handling Sulfuric Acid, Intermodal Portable Tanks, Managing a Derailment, Locomotive Fires, Radioactive Material ER, Ethanol Transportation, Transportation of Ethylene Oxide, Responding to Passenger Train Incidents, and Flaring. Norfolk Southern, Amtrak, BASF, and DuPont supplied equipment used in the train.

The following companies and organizations participated in the tour: Association of American Railroads; Amtrak, BASF; DuPont; SWS/ Eagle First Response; W.E.L. Inc.; U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); U.S. Department of Energy; Midwest Environmental, and Specialized Professional Services Inc.

Many local officials attended the events. Local television stations and newspapers reported on the event. The events were considered a huge success with many positive comments from the participants. This is the 10th TRANSCAER train Norfolk Southern has sponsored since 1994.



ASHEVILLE'S FLOW STUDY A Huge Success Story for NC

Emergency Management Specialist Abby Moore of the Asheville Fire and Rescue Department was instrumental in helping to coordinate the first-ever commodity flow study survey in Asheville in 2009. Bill Spurgeon, United States Department of Energy and National TRANSCAER Task Group member, assisted in setting up the monitoring stations and creating the final report. Spurgeon's full report will serve as a benchmark study for communities in and around the North Carolina area to understand what hazardous materials are traveling through local communities and how emergency responders should be trained to respond to possible incidents.





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CHLORINE INSTITUTE & UP TRAINING IN MEMPHIS

The Chlorine Institute and Union Pacific Railroad sponsored a TRANSCAER® event at the Union Pacific rail yard in Memphis, TN on October 28 with 140 participating students. The students spent a day rotating between eight stations consisting of both hands-on experience and classroom activities. The individual stations focused on emergency response to CI mission chemicals as well as information applicable to other types of chemical emergencies. The largest group of participants was from the Memphis Fire Department with over 30 students. Other fire departments throughout the region, government agencies, and private entities participated. Responses to the feedback survey provided at each station were uniformly positive.

Nine member companies, two non-members, and three railroads including CSX, BNSF and UP provided well-seasoned trainers that were able to convey the response techniques and information to the student from their wealth of experience. Olin was the lead member company providing several instructors, three railcars and arranging for three tank trucks to be on site. United States Environmental Services (USES) provided both instructors and site logistics support. Other member companies providing instructors included ERCO Worldwide, Harcros Chemical, Occidental Chemical, Midland Manufacturing, Vertex Chemical, Specialized Response Solutions, United Professional Services, and Westlake Chemical. CTEH and Transwood Carriers also provided an instructor. Without the commitment from all of these organizations the value to the students would have been diminished.





CSX TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS with USEPA at REGION 3 HAZMAT CONFERENCE in BALTIMORE

CSX Transportation's Hazardous Materials Manager Mike Austin presented a full-scale Unified Command Center Exercise during the 2009 US EPA Region 3 Conference in November. Thanks to technology, participants were given hands-on hazmat experiences to deal with both at the rail yard and in a command center environment back at the conference.





Dow Takes TRANSCAER on the Road to the 2009 Continuing Challenge Workshop in Sacramento

The Dow Chemical Company was presented with the TRANSCAER National Achievement Award during the 20th Annual Continuing Challenge HazMat Workshop this fall in Sacramento. TRANSCAER's Vice Chairman, Brock Lowman of BNSF made the presentation to Dow's Tim Scott, Global Director for Emergency Services and Security, Corporate Security Officer during the opening ceremonies. The Dow Chemical Company's TRANSCAER Team was on hand for the presentation since they were also providing hands-on training during Continuing Challenge Workshop. During this training event, The Dow Chemical Company utilized The Firefighters Education and Training Foundation's Safety Train.







Important UPCOMING TRANSCAER Events/Mark Your Calendars

California TRANSCAER Tour, Riverside County, Barstow, San Bernardino County, Fresno, Stockton, February—April 2010

Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Seminar, Pennsylvania TRANSCAER, March 23 & 24, 2010 at the Delaware County Community College Institute for Public Safety & Emergency Planning, www.dccc.edu/emergencyinstitute

Norfolk Southern's "Sweet Home Alabama" 2010 TRANSCAER Whistle Stop Tour, week of September 20-24, 2010. The entire tour will be in the state of Alabama with stops in Mobile, McIntosh, Selma, Jasper and Muscle Shoals.

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