



## **Training Announcement:**

# **Rail Car Incident Response (AWR-147)**

**August 31, 2017**

**State Preparedness Training Center**

### **Course Description**

Rail Car Incident Response is an 8-hour, awareness level course developed to educate rural emergency responders on freight rail car incidents involving hazardous materials. Because most freight rail traffic traverses rural areas, it is important that rural responders, especially those in resource-limited areas, understand the dangers and unique hazards these incidents present. Although safeguards are in place to prevent hazardous materials from causing harm under normal transportation, storage, handling and use, if any of these safeguards are circumvented, there is potential for great harm. Upon completion of this DHS approved course, participants will be better prepared to respond to a freight rail car incident without endangering the health and safety of responders.

### **Topics Include**

- Identifying the design, construction, components and markings of rail tank cars;
- Recognizing the chemical being transported, and the manner in which the chemical must be considered in an emergency;
- Determining damage to the car and the potential hazard to people, property and the environment;
- Recognizing possible mitigation strategies for breached freight cars;
- Identifying characteristics and key resources in the rail/freight industry as well as federal, state, and private resources available to assist in a response effort

### **Course Provider**

This course was developed by the University of Findlay, a member of the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC).

**Location**

State Preparedness Training Center  
5900 Airport Road, Oriskany, NY 13424

**Cost**

There is NO FEE for this course. *Lunch will be provided.* Travel and all other meals are the responsibility of the course participant.

**Times**

August 31: Registration and Check-In (7:30am-8:00am), Course (8:00am-5:00pm)

**Target Audience**

EMS, Fire Service, Governmental Administrative, Law Enforcement, Public Safety Communications, Public Works, Hazardous Materials

**Prerequisites**

Participants must be a U.S. Citizen to take this course. The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) reserves the right to determine eligibility for this course.

**New SPTC Registration Process**

In 2017, DHSES launched a new registration process for the State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC). Course registrations will be accepted through the web-based SNAP system. All student registrations will be reviewed by the SPTC. Once you are accepted into this course, you will receive a confirmation email from the Center.

To register for this course, access the SPTC's Training Calendar online:

<http://www.dhses.ny.gov/training/calendar/?agency=SPTC>.

Please be sure to select the proper course and date when registering.

**No Show Policy**

Failure to attend a class you have registered for can result in restriction on future course attendance and agency notification. If you have not received a confirmation or denial two weeks prior to the course date, please contact DHSES, SPTC at (315) 768-5689 or [SPTC.INFO@dhses.ny.gov](mailto:SPTC.INFO@dhses.ny.gov).

**Lodging**

Lodging will be provided on the night of August 30, 2017 for public sector personnel.

You are eligible for lodging if your residence and official work station are more than 50 miles from the SPTC and you are public sector personnel. Lodging is not available for federal employees or private industry participants. You must be enrolled in the course and have received lodging confirmation from the SPTC before arriving at the Center, or your lodging will not be covered and you will not be allowed in the class.

If you have any questions, please contact the SPTC at 315-768-5689 or [SPTC.INFO@dhses.ny.gov](mailto:SPTC.INFO@dhses.ny.gov) prior to arriving at the Center.

**For More Information, please contact the DHSES State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC)**

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