

Transportation Community Awareness & Emergency Response

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TRANSCAER® TRAINS FIRST RESPONDERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

During July 2004, CSX Transportation (CSXT) conducted two training courses for first responders in Washington, D.C. The first course focused on CSXT's Rail Security Awareness and Operations and was attended by U.S. Park Police, U.S. Capitol Police, and the Metropolitan Police Department.

As part of the course on railroad security, CSXT trained on issues such as safety when responding to rail-related incidents and operational considerations for dealing with threats of or acts of terrorism. D.C. responders were given the opportunity



to train both in a classroom and hands-on using rail tank cars, hopper cars, and locomotives. The Safety Train, which is a collaborative effort of CSXT and the Firefighters Education and Training Foundation, was the centerpiece of the hands-on training.

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2004 WHISTLE STOP TOUR HUGE SUCCESS

Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) trained almost 1000 emergency responders and local officials during the fifth TRANSCAER® Whistle Stop Tour (Whistle Stop) the week of October 11-15, 2004.

This year's Whistle Stop kicked-off in Decatur, IL, and traveled through America's Heartland stopping in St. Louis, Missouri; Princeton, Indiana; and Louisville and Danville, Kentucky. Each stop offered 20 classes and participants left with Certificates of Attendance. In Danville, attendees earned credit hours towards state training!

Union Pacific Railroad, Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway, and Missouri TRANSCAER® joined Norfolk Southern to sponsor the St. Louis County stop. Here, Executive Charles Dooley and the St. Louis Mayor's office representative, Herman Smith, proclaimed that the day was "TRANSCAER® Whistle Stop Tour Day" in St. Louis.



Indiana State Representative John Frenz summed up the benefits brought to local communities through the Whistle Stop when he stated, "This event brings together local first responders and hazardous materials transportation training resources in a way that any one local community could never do."

National TRANSCAER® is pleased to say that the Whistle Stop is once again a prime example of the TRANSCAER® mission in action...bringing together chemical carriers, manufacturers, and emergency responders in a positive way to raise the awareness of hazardous materials transportation.

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The Safety Train is equipped with a classroom boxcar, three tank cars, and a flat car with an intermodal box and tank containers.

Following the rail security training, CSXT provided approximately 80 members of the District of Columbia's Fire Department hazardous materials and special operations teams' four days of hands-on railroad emergency response and rail tank car familiarization training.



The goal of this training was to provide responders an opportunity to view and work with the types of equipment typically used to transport hazardous materials by rail. This training was a continuation of training that CSXT began in March of this year for the D.C. Fire Department.

CAN YOU HANDLE THIS? TEXAS TRANSCAER® CAN HELP

The week of July 15th, Texas TRANSCAER® conducted a three-day training session in San Antonio, Texas that trained over 50 emergency response personnel on response to rail car and truck incidents.



The goal of this training was to enhance the response capability

of responders and to provide equipment familiarization training. To accomplish this, Texas TRANSCAER® provided trainers, a training rail car, and an 18-wheeler truck.

After providing training in San Antonio, Texas TRANSCAER® representatives worked alongside the United States Air Force at Randolph Air Base to conduct an emergency response drill.



The drill was rated as a worst case. The scenario simulated an airplane crash into an 18-wheeler carrying ammonia. The Air Force and local community responders were responsible for coordinating the incident command system and incident response during the exercise. Texas TRANSCAER® provided the truck and trailer equipment to facilitate the scene.

Texas looks forward to offering similar comprehensive training to communities throughout Texas in 2005. For more information on Texas TRANSCAER®, go to www.transcaer.com.

BNSF RAILWAY OUTREACHES TO THE NORTHERN TIER OF STATES

In October, Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) completed its informal training tour along the northern tier of the United States. During this event, the BNSF 99911 training tank car helped provide railroad emergency response, hazmat awareness, and railroad familiarization training to responders in Washington, Montana, North Dakota, and Minnesota.

Training provided to responders through the BNSF training car included:

- On July 21-24th, the Everett Fire Department in Washington received four consecutive days of training
- On August 6th and 10th respectively, ExxonMobil and Chevron hosted stops at their Portland, Oregon facilities

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- On September 8th, Lincoln County emergency managers were trained in Libby, Montana during an evening session
- On September 21-22nd, emergency responders received two days of training in Minot, North Dakota
- On September 25th, responders received training in Crookston, Minnesota.



These are just a few examples of the assistance provided to responders through TRANSCAER®. For more on events held during 2004 in North Dakota, Minnesota, and/or Region 4, please visit the TRANSCAER® website at www.transcaer.com.

MINI TRAINING TOUR IN EASTERN MISSOURI

Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway and Union Pacific Railroad worked in conjunction with the State of Missouri throughout October to host a short training tour in eastern Missouri. Over 420 fire fighters, emergency management, and state emergency responders were trained. The tour kicked-off on October 5-6th in Hannibal. A joint training session was held in cooperation with the Whistle Stop in St. Louis on Oct. 12th. On October 14th, the train stopped in Cape Girardeau. The tour concluded on October 16th in Poplar Bluff.



US EPA Region 7 Regional Response Team, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, other associated federal agencies, Bayer Crop Science, Terra Chemicals, and DANA Tank Container Corporation participated.

REACHING BEYOND OUR BORDERS**TRANSCAER® IN RED DEER, ALBERTA**

As part of Nexen Chemicals' (Nexen) ongoing commitment to Responsible Care®, Nexen jointly sponsored a TRANSCAER® Workshop (Workshop) with the City of Red Deer Emergency Services, Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR), and the Canadian Chemical Producers Association's Prairie Region TRANSCAER® Committee. The Workshop was held on CPR's track in Red Deer Station on Saturday, September 18th.

The objective of the Workshop was to review emergency response plans and communications internal to, and between, first responders in the Red Deer Alberta area, shippers, transportation companies, and municipal emergency management personnel.

Through the workshop, 120 fire fighters, carrier emergency response personnel, industry representatives, and government regulators were provided training on hazardous materials, transportation equipment, and the resources available to them in the event of an incident.



Featured events included a demonstration of tank car and tank trailer loading/unloading systems, discussion of specific characteristics of chemical products, and discussion of Transport Canada and Alberta Emergency Services roles and responsibilities.

Training equipment was provided by TRANSCAER® and

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included two anhydrous ammonia tank cars, TRANSCAER® education car CCPX 911, four tank trucks, and a CPR locomotive.



Displays included Red Deer Emergency Management Services and hazmat response units, CEDA chemical protection suits, and an information tent on Sodium Chlorate.

Special thanks to the following TRANSCAER® supporters: Dow Chemical Canada, Agrium, Nova Chemicals, Quadra Chemicals, Schlumberger Well Services, GATX Rail Services, Procor, Sand Source, Canadian National Railway, Canadian Pacific Railways, Northwest Tank Lines, Caron Transport, Economy Carriers, Trimac Transportation, and CEDA Emergency Response Teams. Other participants included the City of Red Deer Emergency Services, various Alberta Fire Departments, LPG Emergency Response, Transport Canada, Alberta Transport Dangerous Goods, Rail Safety Branch, EMA, and the Railway Association of Canada.

2004 WHISTLE STOP, continued from cover...

Joining Norfolk Southern on this year's Whistle Stop were many longtime TRANSCAER supporters including DuPont, BP, GATX Corporation, Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health, The Fire Fighters Training and Education Foundation, SUNPRO, Specialized Professional

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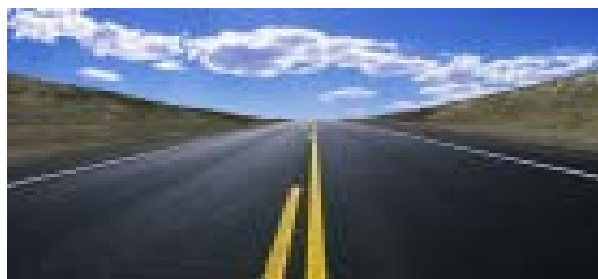
Planning is already underway for the 2005 tour so watch for developments in the next issue of TRANSCAER® Today.



For information on how you can participate, contact the National TRANSCAER® Program Manager or your regional/state TRANSCAER® coordinator.

GO ONLINE WITH TRANSCAER.ORG

The National TRANSCAER® Task Group (NTTG) is proud to announce the launch of the updated TRANSCAER® website. The redesigned, user friendly website is designed to be the premiere information source for all things TRANSCAER®!



Users will be able to download resource information, presentations, and find out what TRANSCAER® events are happening in their region or across the country.

When looking for general information on TRANSCAER®, we welcome you to go to the **About or Resources** sections. In the **About** Section, you will find information on what TRANSCAER® is, who is involved, and the nine TRANSCAER® steps. The **Resources** section contains valuable information to assist interested parties with implementing the TRANSCAER® program including guidelines, manuals, and presentations.

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The **Events Calendar** provides a search engine that can list past and future TRANSCAER® activities and events across the United States. Users have the ability to search for events based on location, type of event, or both.



The **FAQ** section provides a basic summary of TRANSCAER® based on Frequently Asked Questions received by the NTTG.

We would like to make the website as useful as possible. To do this, we need your input. What do you think of the new website? What do you like about it? What information is missing? What is your favorite, most valuable section? After you explore what the web site has to offer, send the NTTG your comments online through **Contact Us**.

WELCOME NEW STATE COORDINATORS

California, Scott Etzel, Dow Chemical

Illinois, John Spealman, Emergency Response

Minnesota, Michael W. Woolridge, BNSF Railway

Montana, Jim Johnson, Montana Rail Link

North Dakota, Michael W. Woolridge, BNSF Railway

South Dakota, Michael W. Woolridge, BNSF Railway

Washington, Lind Bingham, Eka Chemicals, Inc.

Contact information for these new state coordinators can be found under the appropriate state page on the TRANSCAER® website at www.transcaer.com.

Call for State Coordinators

The responsibilities of regional and state coordinators include TRANSCAER® implementation, but coordinators are not expected to become personally involved in each individual project. They are, however, expected to implement TRANSCAER® programs by utilizing/coordinating chemical and transportation industry representatives, government representatives, local emergency responders, and other interested parties. Coordinators also gather information and resources that may be helpful to the community. While both regional and state coordinators play important roles in the program, neither position requires a significant time commitment.

For more information on coordinator responsibilities or how to volunteer, please contact the TRANSCAER® Program Manager at (703) 741-5503 or nancy.white@americanchemistry.com.

State Coordinator Openings!

There is currently an opening for State Coordinator in the following states:

Arizona	New Hampshire
Connecticut	Nevada
Georgia	North Carolina
Idaho	Ohio
Kansas	Oregon
Maine	Vermont
Mississippi	

For more information, contact the TRANSCAER® Program Manager

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