

Transportation Community Awareness & Emergency Response

TODAY

these Tours have evolved into annual events!

Further, Mr. Wehrmeister has elevated the importance of training of emergency responders along the entire NS railway.

2006 AWARD WINNERS



Chairman's Award Winners

On May 1, the Secretary of Energy, Samuel W. Bodman, accepted the Chairman's Award for DOE's remarkable efforts in collecting hazmat information. Beginning in 2005 and throughout 2006, DOE conducted Commodity Flow Surveys in Flagstaff, Arizona, on the Texas/Louisiana state line, and in Haywood County, Tennessee. Each of these surveys resulted in detailed reports on the volumes, times, and types of hazardous materials (hazmat) being transported through these areas of the United States. These reports allowed local and state emergency preparedness offices to be more knowledgeable and prepared for potential hazmat transportation incidents that may occur in the future.

In conjunction with these surveys, the EM Office of Transportation held planning meetings with the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and invested significant resources and advice to assist the LEPCs in the planning and execution of these surveys, as well as the interpretation of data collected. Furthermore, DOE supported the TRANSCAER initiative with its transportation stakeholders, including its meetings with the Council of State Governments, the Tribal Nations, and at its Transportation External Coordination Working Group Meetings.



National TRANSCAER is proud to announce that CJ Wehrmeister, Vice President of Safety and Environmental for Norfolk Southern Railway, will accept the TRANSCAER Chairman's Award during the 20th Annual AAR/BOE Hazardous Materials Seminar in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Since the early 1990s, Mr. Wehrmeister has dedicated himself to promoting the TRANSCAER program at NS and has played an integral role in the formation and evolution of the TRANSCAER Whistle Stop Tours. Thanks in great part to his leadership;

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Management Office of Transportation
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TRANSCAER National Achievement Award

The National TRANSCAER Task Group (NTTG) is proud to announce that BNSF Railway Company (BNSF Railway) and Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) have won the 2006 TRANSCAER National Achievement Award. Both companies received the award for their outstanding support of TRANSCAER in four areas: activities, organization commitment, financial support and manpower investment.

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In 2006, BNSF Railway organized or assisted in 126 events in 21 states, and trained over 3184 emergency responders on hazardous materials awareness, emergency response, and railroad familiarization.

Specifically, BNSF Railway participated in TRANSCAER Training Tours in Texas, Kansas, and Montana and held multiple events in Texas, California, Nebraska, Utah, New Mexico, Kansas, Montana and Washington.

Additionally, BNSF Railway actively worked with state and federal agencies such as the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Weapons of Mass Destruction and Civil Support Teams, state emergency management groups, and other agencies to promote emergency preparedness. BNSF Railway actively worked with Local Emergency Planning Committees and State Emergency Response Commissions, assisted states with conducting traffic flow studies, and reviewed emergency plans.

BNSF Railway was an active member of the National TRANSCAER Task Group and provided the TRANSCAER Region IV Coordinator and the State Coordinators for Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Illinois, and Nebraska. Regular contact was kept with the TRANSCAER Program Manager; updates made to the TRANSCAER website with current activities and photos; and TRANSCAER efforts were touted internally and through the BNSF Railway Newsletter.

NS held a total of 198 training classes/drills during 116 events, totaling 23,311 man hours of instruction. Event locations were chosen based on NS's key hazmat routes and requests from hazmat shippers in response to community needs. Additionally, NS continued to distribute the NS Railroad Emergency Response Guide (Guide) to responders and other attendees during training events. The Guide was updated and revised in early 2006.



Moreover, for the fifth consecutive year, NS sponsored the 2006 TRANSCAER Whistle Stop Tour (Whistle Stop) on its rail system. The Whistle Stop traveled over 800 rail miles in three states with stops in five cities: Baltimore, MD, Harrisburg, PA, Pittsburgh, PA, Columbus, OH, and Cincinnati, OH. A total of 2,400 man-hours (a conservative estimate of the overall time spent) were spent on this project alone which culminated in training over 1,000 emergency responders.

A further demonstration of NS's commitment to TRANSCAER is the leadership and financial support provided to the program. Norfolk Southern was active on the National TRANSCAER Task Group and provided the Region II Coordinator.

NS also provided 30 scholarships to emergency responders across the system valued at \$44,850.

Regional Achievement Award

The National TRANSCAER Task Group is pleased to announce that Pennsylvania TRANSCAER (PATC) has won the 2006 Regional Approach Award.

In 2006, PATC distinguished itself as a leader in preparedness by undertaking extensive community outreach and training. Among PATC's successes, PATC provided personal mentoring, assisted Pennsylvania counties to enhance their response capabilities, worked with counties to help secure financial assistance from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, and continued to expand its exercise and training programs.

Regarding its exercise and training program, PATC undertook intensive outreach and planning to conduct several table tops throughout Pennsylvania counties. To implement the Tabletops, PATC assigned a volunteer member to work on a one-on-one basis with each of the counties. This personal stewardship enhanced participation by removing the burden of developing a scenario and coordinating the actual training. Further, in an effort to heighten the realism of the events, PATC added a media component to the scenario. To harness public interest in the events, PATC wrote and distributed a targeted press release for each of the events.

PATC's tabletops successfully trained over 300 attendees. The positive reaction to PATC's training program has encouraged more Pennsylvania counties to avail themselves of this opportunity in 2007.

TRANSCAER IN ACTION!

Dow and UP Initiative

In the fall of 2007, The Dow Chemical Company and Union Pacific Railroad Company will launch the start of three planned collaborative TRANSCAER training tours dedicated to educating emergency responders and their communities on the importance of rail safety. The program will focus on emergency preparedness by training local and regional emergency response organizations, as well as educating communities near major rail routes about rail infrastructure, chemical transportation, and the important role chemicals play in our daily lives. As a result of their commitment to TRANSCAER, both companies will leverage this program to elevate and promote the safe transportation of chemicals and emergency preparedness and response.

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Dow and UP Initiative (Cont....)

The first Tour will launch in Colton, California on August 18, 2007 with 6 training stops over a 26 day campaign. The second Tour will start in Freeport, Texas, making 8 stops before concluding in New Orleans on Nov. 14.

The third Tour is planned for May 2008 traveling through select cities in Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois. Through TRANSCAER, Dow and UP will provide free hazardous material emergency preparedness training to emergency responders and community leaders along the route.

The tour consists of railcars that are uniquely equipped to provide three levels of emergency preparedness and response training. Sessions will include the following:

- Railroad 101 - An introduction to railroad response activities, railroad locomotives and railroad tank cars.
- Hazmat 101 - An introduction to hazardous materials, the basics of TIH materials and flammable gases.
- Advanced/Graduate-Level Training Exercises - A thorough course in specialized tank car activities, including C-kit, fitting repairs, and emergency response to simulated incidents.

As part of the emergency preparedness training, community leaders are invited to attend the sessions to learn how they can elevate their assistance and communications to the community by receiving the training and by learning the vital roles chemicals and rail infrastructure play in their community. For more information on the tour, please contact Lou Wagner with Union Pacific at ljwagner@up.com.



BNSF Railway Company's Efforts in Regions 3 and 4

BNSF Railway has been working in Region 3 and Region 4 during the spring of 2007. Starting with a mini tour in central California, training and community outreach sessions were completed in Richmond, Stockton, Fresno and Bakersfield, California. The BNSF TRANSCAER Training Tank Car, BNSF 99911, was utilized at all of these locations and then moved into the Los Angeles area.

While in the Los Angeles basin, BNSF and Union Pacific teamed up and completed the full scale field exercise for the Alameda Corridor, a multi-million dollar rail expansion route that moves all traffic from the Port of Long Beach into an underground, three track rail corridor.

Following the field exercise in the Alameda Corridor BNSF spent three days training emergency responders in Fullerton and



Orange County. BNSF also spent six days training Los Angeles County Haz Mat teams at the BNSF City of Commerce Diesel * Mechanical facility. The BNSF TRANSCAER Training Tank Car then moved east to Hereford, TX where a Saturday class was held for the Hereford area fire departments. This training session is particularly pertinent because two new Ethanol plants will be added to the line in the Hereford area this fall. Plant managers and operations personal from these new plants attended the training session in preparation of these additions. Throughout April and May, the training car will continue westward across New Mexico and Arizona with stops at Clovis, Ft. Sumner, Vaughn, Belen, Grants, Gallup, Flagstaff, Williams, Phoenix and Kingman. Further stops for training and outreach in Summer 2007 include Olympia, Marysville, Bellingham, Spokane and Rathdrum, Washington.

Ohio TRANSCAER Teaches up a Storm

In 2006, Ohio TRANSCAER held a number of education sessions for emergency responders. In May, Mentor Fire Department, SUNPRO, and The Kenan Advantage Group held a day long "Tank Truck Safety Program" for first Responders which drew 45 responders from area Fire Departments. Later in the spring, Portage County Emergency Management agency hosted an evening program for first responders entitled "Derailment Safety for First Responders." Once again in the fall, Ohio TRANSCAER partnered with SUNPRO and The Kenan Advantage Group, as well as with the Cleveland Fire Department and Cuyahoga County HazMat to educate fire fighters in a day long program called "Responding to Tank Truck Emergencies. Thanks for all your hard work Ohio TRANSCAER!

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New Jersey TRANSCAER's Busy Spring

In March, New Jersey TRANSCAER teamed up with CSX Railroad to conduct table top Emergency Response Exercises in Pennsauken Township and Newark, New Jersey. Over seventy first responders attended and were trained.

As spring progresses, New Jersey TRANSCAER continues its activities with a table top exhibit at the New Jersey Fire Chief's Association emergency response conference on May 8, 9, and 10th. Over 2000 attendees are expected.

On May 16th, New Jersey will participate in a US DOT Multimodal H/M Training Session. Topics of this session will include how to use 49 CFR Hazardous Materials Regulations and the 2004 Emergency Response Guidebook; Federal and State Regulations; applicability of HM-223; and incident reporting.

Norfolk Southern Teams up with Dupont

Norfolk Southern is hosting the DuPont training cars in Chattanooga, TN the week of May 7 – 11, 2007. During this time, the City of Chattanooga Fire Department and the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency are scheduling visitors for the classes. Plans are to hold two 4 hour sessions each day, Monday through Thursday and then a single make-up session on Friday morning.

June 25 – 29, 2007, Norfolk Southern will continue its efforts with DuPont by hosting the same cars in Morristown, TN. Various Volunteer Fire Departments, along with the City of Morristown Fire Department and the local Emergency Management Agency will be participating in the training sessions.

As many as 400 or more emergency responders are expected to participate in the training program during the two weeks the training tank car will be in East Tennessee.

South Carolina's Training Initiative

Between February 27 and March 1, 2007, South Carolina TRANSCAER held successful training sessions for the Gaffney, SC Fire Departments. With the help of HEPACO's Dome trailer to assist in hands on training, John Lerner of Norfolk Southern Railway instructed 33 fire fighters from Gaffney. For more information about training events in South Carolina, contact Bill Hyatt, bhyatt@hepaco.com

2007 Whistlestop Tour Announced!

State TRANSCAER Coordinators in the south continue to plan and execute numerous training tours. From September 17-21, the TRANSCAER Whistlestop Tour will be held in Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia. The tour kicks off in Hattiesburg on September 17, making a stop in a different city each day, to include Meridian, Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, and Columbus.

The Tour is designed to increase community understanding of the importance of emergency planning, and to provide local emergency response groups an opportunity to receive some hands-on training and talk about additional training needs.

Demonstrations and presentations will be focused on rail, truck, and chemical specific information. In addition, the tour offers a cost free opportunity to help emergency responders to dialogue about transportation related topics. These discussions include topics such as Tank Car recognition and Managing a Hazardous Material Incident. All are invited to take part in this event.

Whistlestop Tour Dates

September 17, 2007

9 am to 3 pm
Hattiesburg, MS
Norfolk Southern Rail Yard
Front Street

September 18, 2007

9 am to 3 pm
Meridian, MS
Union Station – Downtown
1901 Front Street

September 19, 2007

9 am to 3 pm
Tuscaloosa, AL
Merichem Chemicals & Refinery
2701 Warrior Road

September 20, 2007

9 am to 3 pm
Birmingham, AL
Norfolk Southern Railroad
2nd Avenue North @ Carraway Blvd.

September 21, 2007

9 am to 3 pm
Columbus, GA
Norfolk Southern Rail Yard
Dead end of 12th Street

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