

Transportation Community Awareness & Emergency Response

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## 2003 AWARD WINNERS



such as railroad tank car valve assemblies to fire academies and training facilities. BNSF personnel actively participated in LEPCs and SERCs throughout the country, as well as on National, Regional, and State TRANSCAER Committees.

*Brock Lowman, Manager, Hazardous Materials, states, "BNSF is very happy to have been recognized once more for our work and time committed to TRANSCAER and emergency preparedness. We know this work is a continuous commitment to ensure there is a good level of preparedness for possible emergencies along our rail routes. The BNSF Haz Mat team believes that TRANSCAER is more than a program or a resource. TRANSCAER is also a verb. You have to go out and DO TRANSCAER!"*

### **BNSF and NS Win the National Achievement Award**

The National TRANSCAER® Task Group is proud to announce that Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) and Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) have won the 2003 TRANSCAER National Achievement Award. Both companies received this award for their outstanding support of TRANSCAER in four areas: activities, organization commitment, financial support and manpower investment.



Working in conjunction with numerous federal agencies, BNSF provided railroad emergency response, hazardous awareness, and railroad familiarization training to more than 4600 emergency responders in over 20 states - the most notable event being the 2003 LEPC conference held in Omaha, NE. During this conference BNSF provided a "Basics of Chemicals" classroom session and a joint training tour with Montana Rail

Link and Exxon Mobil in the states of Montana and Idaho.

NS held TRANSCAER events in 16 of the 22 states through which NS transports hazardous materials. Most notable was the fall TRANSCAER Whistle Stop Tour (Whistle Stop), which was responsible for training over 640 emergency responders. The Whistle Stop began in Jacksonville, Florida and wrapped up in Charleston, South Carolina. At the tour's completion, NS produced a 2003 Whistle Stop Tour video, which was shared with its value chain partners.

To further assist with community preparedness, NS participated in LEPC's throughout the rail system and on National and Regional TRANSCAER committees. NS donated ten scholarships to emergency responders across the NS system and to the AAR/TTCI Emergency Response Training Center.

*Dave Schoendorfer, Manager, Hazardous Materials, states, "Norfolk Southern is proud to receive the 2003 TRANSCAER award for a second consecutive year. But the real winners are the communities we serve. Their emergency responders now have more information and updated skills to assist in public safety efforts."*

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Hazardous Materials Training Center and donated equipment

Along with training, BNSF also provided resources to emergency responders. BNSF donated scholarships for firefighters to attend the Association of American Railroad

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at an all time low, with only 8 members. One year later, the new Texas TRANSCAER group held its first reorganization meeting, and by the end of 2003, membership had increased to over 60 members, representing more than 40 companies. Two successful training events were held, and the principles of TRANSCAER were promoted at non-TRANSCAER conferences.

Texas TRANSCAER co-sponsored the General Awareness Hazardous Materials Training Day in Van Alstyne, TX. This event trained approximately 45 fire personnel from 4 cities on general awareness, types of railcars, types of tank trucks, handling chlorine cylinders, placarding, and case studies. Additionally, Texas TRANSCAER sponsored the Southeast Houston Area General Awareness Training, which was held in Pasadena, TX in December. This event trained emergency responders and industry participants on DOT regulations, handling of polymerization reactions, chemical-specific courses, ISO training, and valve and fitting recognition on rail cars.

Karen Scheel, Texas TRANSCAER's 2002-2003 State Coordinator, pictured below, is very proud of the efforts of her team. *"This was truly a group effort. So many individuals have given their time and talent to revitalizing our organization. We now have a solid foundation to build upon."*

**The Chlorine Institute Wins 2003 TRANSCAER® National Sponsors Award**

The Chlorine Institute (CI) is the winner of the first TRANSCAER® National Sponsors Award. This award is given to sponsoring associations in recognition of their efforts to motivate the organization's membership to make a greater commitment to the TRANSCAER initiative.

In 2003, CI provided the training, resources, and commitment necessary to spread the TRANSCAER message. CI actively participated in the National TRANSCAER Task Group (NTTG), sponsored training events, and identified opportunities for industry integration into non-TRANSCAER training programs.

CI sponsored the TRANSCAER Emergency Response Workshop and Chlor-Alkali Emergency Response Exercise in Oakland, CA. This significant event was responsible for training over 170 local emergency responders. In addition to sponsoring this event, CI's Transportation Committee made a commitment to support a bi-annual TRANSCAER event to provide emergency product handling information to local communities.

Additionally, CI served as a conduit so other organizations hosting events could tap into the chlor-alkali industry for expertise. On more than one occasion, CI successfully responded to requests from the emergency response community asking for assistance in developing a hazmat training program or finding a speaker. As a result of CI's initiative, training events were enhanced by chlor-alkali industry participation.

**Texas TRANSCAER® - What a Regional Approach**

The National TRANSCAER Task Group is proud to announce that the Texas State TRANSCAER Team (Texas TRANSCAER) has won the 2003 Regional Approach Award. Texas TRANSCAER received this Award for its outstanding support of TRANSCAER illustrated by growth, organization commitment, and manpower investment.

In the fall of 2001, Texas TRANSCAER membership was



In addition to winning the Regional Approach Award, two of Texas TRANSCAER's Team members received Individual Achievement Awards. Congratulations to Rick Ferguson, Shell Chemicals, and Lee Barron, Rohm and Haas, who were instrumental in the growth of this state team! Rick Ferguson was responsible for managing most of the organization, including recruitment, and agenda development for the training events. Lee Barron was instrumental in developing a state brochure that outlines the Texas TRANSCAER mission. Lee was also active on the publicity committee and promoted TRANSCAER during non-TRANSCAER events.

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## TRANSCAER® IN ACTION!

### Spotlight on Texas TRANSCAER®

In 2004, Texas TRANSCAER® continues to build on its 2003 success by conducting training, participating in Conferences, and targeting communities in need. For example, earlier this year, Texas TRANSCAER conducted awareness training and hands on emergency response training for rail cars and trucks in Liberty County. Rick Ferguson, Shell Chemicals, and Tony Solinas, Lyondell Equistar, led the development of this event. Training was conducted by the Oxyvinyl Emergency Team. Union Pacific provided a training railcar and Groendyke provided a training trailer. This event was so well received that Liberty County has requested the training again in October 2004.



In addition to training, Texas TRANSCAER has found that attending emergency-response-related conferences, such as the one pictured above, provides excellent networking opportunities to identify future training needs for local responders. For example, Texas TRANSCAER was graciously welcomed to the Governor's Texas Emergency Response Conference in Waco. Through this opportunity, twelve communities that would like TRANSCAER training were identified.

*"It has been difficult to convince communities that the training is offered gratis. However, once this barrier is overcome, the communities become very interested." said Lee Barron, Texas TRANSCAER.*

Texas TRANSCAER recently incorporated and gained non-profit status. Rick Ferguson is the 2004 President of Texas TRANSCAER and new Texas State Coordinator. Outgoing President Karen Scheel will be the new Secretary and will work directly with Rick for a smooth transition.



For information on Texas TRANSCAER and its events, go to the Texas page of the TRANSCAER website at [www.transcaer.org](http://www.transcaer.org).

### BNSF Trains Emergency Responders In 2004

BNSF continues to promote preparedness and assistance by providing drills and risk assessment activities. To date, the BNSF Haz Mat Team has provided training for 990 community emergency responders. Training and drills have been held in: Wichita, KS; Los Angeles, CA; Salt Lake City, UT; Sioux Center, IA; McCook, NE; Rose Hill/Butler County, KS (training and full scale drill); Hutchinson, KS; and Norman, OK. Other training sessions have been held in Okmulgee, OK; and Fountain/Colorado Springs, CO. A large-scale exercise with the Alameda Corridor/Los Angeles emergency services and a short main line mini-tour on the BNSF Transcontinental tracks in Arizona were also conducted.

During the summer months, BNSF has a mini-training tour through WA, MT, ND & MN scheduled. In June, training and drills were held in Ogle County, Chicago, and the Washington State summer fire school in Wenatchee, WA. In late July, BNSF will visit with the Everett, WA Fire Department.

### TRANSCAER® Sponsors the EPA Midwest Drinking Water Security and Preparedness Conference

TRANSCAER Region III worked along with the EPA and the St. Louis LEPC to sponsor a drinking water security conference in St. Louis, MO, on May 3-6, 2004. The purpose of the conference was to bring together organizations responsible for drinking water security to discuss concerns such as natural disasters, technology failures, vandalism, and other possible attacks on the nation's drinking water.

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The conference lasted 4 days and had 350 attendees from 12 states. TRANSCAER® and its members sponsored several breaks and provided a TRANSCAER booth and information materials for LEPC and emergency responders. Additionally, TRANSCAER also provided industry experts to discuss chlorine, ammonia, the safe transportation of these products, and emergency response.



An additional benefit to sponsoring this conference was the opportunity for TRANSCAER to update two EPA Regional Response Teams on building a TRANSCAER Industry Advisory Group (IAG) for the EPA-Chicago region. The KC-EPA region currently has a successful IAG. Building a Chicago IAG could provide additional TRANSCAER support in six states: IL, IN, MI, MN, WI and OH.

## REACHING BEYOND OUR BORDERS

### ***Nexen Chemicals Provides TRANSCAER® Training in Vancouver, Canada for the Burnaby Fire Department***

Over the course of two months, Nexen Chemicals' Chlorine Response Team hosted a series of TRANSCAER training seminars on sodium chlorate, hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide, and chlorine for the Burnaby Fire Department. Over 80 Burnaby fire department Hazmat Team members and senior officers including the Fire Chief attended.

Content included a review of TRANSCAER and Responsible Care®, Nexen's Emergency Response Team and Chlorop Team responsibilities, chemical properties and handling, and hands on presentations on the use of three types of chlorine-capping kits.

Session attendees were treated to an up close and personal look at some of Burnaby's newly updated emergency vehicles and Emergency Responder equipment that are used to carry materials from an emergency site.

W.R. Lamb, Chief Training Officer from the Burnaby City Fire Department offered these comments on the training:

*"On behalf of the Burnaby City Fire Department, I would like to express our gratitude to Nexen Chemicals and their Chlorine Response Team for instructing our Hazmat Team Members on the products your company produces for our industry. Our members found the seminar to be knowledgeable and enlightening in regards to your products and enjoyed participating in the Hazmat stories from the field.*

*They also benefited by being able to view your response vehicle and the equipment carried on it. The seminar was conducted in a very professional manner and was greatly appreciated by all Hazardous Materials Team Members.*

*Once, again, thanks to you and your response team."*

## REGIONAL AND STATE NEWS

**New York Mills, Minnesota-** Two hour training presentation for Emergency Service Groups on TRANSCAER/Railroad Emergency Response was held on March 11, 2004. A full-scale exercise was held on April 14, 2004.

**Marshall, Minnesota-** Full scale exercise was held on May 19, 2004, with Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co., Archer Daniels Midland, and Marshall Emergency Services Groups. Location: Archer Daniels Midland.

**Shoreview, Minnesota -** Full scale exercise on September 12, 2004, at 9:00 AM with Canadian Pacific and Shoreview Emergency Service Groups. Location: Shoreview Fire Department.

**St. Paul, Minnesota-** Full scale exercise will be held on September 25, 2004, at 9:00 AM with Canadian Pacific Railway, St. Paul, Minnesota Emergency Service Groups. Location: Dayton's Bluff Diesel Shop.

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**Canton, South Dakota-** Training session was held on April 25, 2004, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the South East Fire School covering Railroad Emergency Response, Hazardous Material flows in South Dakota, Terrorism, Incident Command, Personal Protective Equipment, and Evidence preservation. Location: Canton High School.

**Sioux Falls, South Dakota-** Full scale exercise to be held in fall 2004 on Sioux Land Sub-Area (States of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota) with Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway, Magellan Pipeline, Environmental Agencies, and Emergency Service Groups. Date, time, and location: TBD.

**West Salem, Wisconsin-** Full scale exercise to be held on August 8, 2004, at 9 AM with US Department of Defense, Canadian Pacific Railway, and the Emergency Service Groups of LaCrosse County. Location: TBD.

**Sparta, Wisconsin -** Full scale exercise to be held in fall 2004 with Canadian Pacific Railway Company and area Emergency Service Response Groups. - Date, Time, and Location: TBD.

## SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT TO TRANSCAER®

Use the TRANSCAER Booth at your next event! To request a booth, please fax the TRANSCAER Manager at (703) 741-6503.

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## A Call for Coordinators

The responsibilities of Regional and State coordinators include TRANSCAER implementation. Coordinators are not expected to become personally involved in each individual project. However, they are 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](mailto:nancy_white@americanchemistry.com)

### State Coordinator Openings!

*There is currently an opening for coordinator positions in the following states:*

Arizona	Nevada
Connecticut	North Carolina
Georgia	North Dakota
Idaho	Ohio
Illinois	Oregon
Kansas	South Dakota
Maine	Vermont
Mississippi	Virginia
New Hampshire	

## NORFOLK SOUTHERN WHISTLE STOP TOUR

Get on board for the 2004 Norfolk Southern TRANSCAER® Whistle Stop Tour! The tour will kick-off in Decatur, Illinois on October 11th. Stops will be made at St. Louis, Missouri; Princeton, Indiana; and Louisville, KY. The Tour will conclude in Danville, Kentucky on October 15th.

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