

## TRANSCAER IN ACTION

### TEXAS TRANSCAER UPDATE

The members of Texas TRANSCAER (Texas) are proud of what they have accomplished since their program was created two years ago. In this time, Texas has trained approximately 300 first responders in Palo Pinto, San Antonio, Liberty County, Pasadena, Kemah, Van Alstyne, Sugarland and other sites throughout Texas. Additionally, they have attended and presented at the Texas Fire Chiefs Conference in Corpus Christi, the Texas Chemistry Council's Environmental, Health, and Safety Conference in Galveston, and the Environmental Protection Agency's Conference in Las Vegas. Wow!



Texas participants include carriers, shippers, and emergency response companies, and everyone is active. Accolades are offered to the two railroad members, Union Pacific Railroad and BNSF Railway, Co. who continuously carry the TRANSCAER banner. Groendyke Transport, Inc., KLLM Transport Services, Linden Bulk Transport, Inc., and others have contributed their time, talent and equipment to the initiative. Chemical companies such as Shell Chemicals, Lyondell-Equistar, Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc., Oxychem, Rohm and Haas Texas Inc., Eastman Chemical Company, Methanex, and members of the Texas Chemistry Council, etc., have spearheaded the establishment of goals for Texas, and then made

them happen. Emergency Response companies such as Specialized Response Solutions have provided quality training to those in need.

All this, and, believe it or not, Texas TRANSCAER's biggest event is scheduled for November 8-16, 2005 when Texas TRANSCAER will hold a training tour throughout Texas at no cost to its target audience: first responders (predominately fireman), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC's), and other members of the community. The goal of this tour is to help communities be prepared for and respond to an over-turned truck and or derailed tankcar.

#### The tour will have five stops:

Texarkana	November 8 (Texas will be assisted by Arkansas TRANSCAER)
Longview	November 10
Lufkin Area	November 12
Cleveland	November 14
Beaumont	November 16

For more information about the Tour, contact Keith Ford, Methanex, at [kford@methanex.com](mailto:kford@methanex.com).

### IOWA STATEWIDE TRANSCAER TRAINING TOUR

Iowa invites emergency responders, Local Emergency Planning Committees, and other members of the community from across the state to attend its first TRANSCAER Training Tour (Tour) scheduled for October 15 – 29, 2005.

#### The Tour will cover the entire state through seven stops:

Sioux City	Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	Union Pacific Railyard
Council Bluffs	Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Spike park
Mason City	Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Cartersville Elevator
Cedar Rapids	Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Location TBD
Des Moines	Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	2302 Market St. SE Des Moines
Ottumwa	Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>	IC&E Railyard
Davenport	Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>	IC&E Railyard, Eldridge

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## ***IOWA TRANSCAER TOUR, CONTINUED FROM COVER***

Rodney Tucker, Iowa TRANSCAER State Coordinator, says, "I am so pleased with the early response from fire departments, transporters, chemical producers and various government agencies and thank everyone for their willingness to participate and to help spread the TRANSCAER message in Iowa."

Training will be provided by several railroads, truck companies, chemical producers, and government agencies, and the majority of stops plan to offer morning and evening classes to meet the scheduling needs of emergency responders. Additionally, each stop has a site coordinator to secure the training area, and tents, facilities, tables/chairs, and refreshments. The site coordinator also is responsible for targeting the audience and sending invitations.

To facilitate speedy registration, many locations will offer an online registration option. Links to online registration and/or registration forms can be found on the Iowa State TRANSCAER page at <http://www.transcaer.com/public/regional.cfm?region=3&state=IA>

If you have questions about this event or Iowa TRANSCAER, please contact Rodney Tucker at [rodney.tucker@dnr.state.ia.us](mailto:rodney.tucker@dnr.state.ia.us).

## ***CHEMTREC'S INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SUMMIT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!***



Mark your calendars to attend the **CHEMTREC International Emergency Response Summit** planned for February 22-24, 2006 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Miami, Florida.

**Purpose:** To explore the challenges of responding to a chemical incident in the global arena and to identify ways to address those challenges.

**Who should attend:** International hazmat shippers and logistics providers interested in emergency response beyond their domestic borders; emergency responders interested in networking with and learning from their industry counterparts; representatives of organizations desiring to establish emergency response information and communication centers outside the

United States, and existing emergency response centers interested in establishing networks with other centers.

### **Specific Summit objectives include:**

1. Explore and understand the challenges presented by differences in national/regional, societal, economic, and political conditions as they relate to emergency response to chemical incidents.
2. Understand how those challenges impact your company's bottom line.
3. Learn how your peers have addressed emergency response challenges in the global arena.
4. Better understand what information and resources may already exist in various regions around the globe, and help identify gaps and possible solutions.
5. Influence the next steps needed to address challenges associated with international emergency response.
6. Identify, meet, and interact with your industry peers with responsibility for emergency response.
7. Learn about new technologies supporting emergency response efforts.

This Summit will focus on 3 broad geographic areas. The information collected from and issues raised by Summit participants will be used on the last day in an interactive session to develop recommendations for "next steps" including, if appropriate, the content and location of future Emergency Response Summits. Although the focus of the Summit is limited to three regions, the information gathered should be valuable when considering other regions around the globe.

Please email Nancy White at: [nancy.white@americanchemistry.com](mailto:nancy.white@americanchemistry.com) if you are interested in learning more about the Summit or visit CHEMTREC's website at [www.chemtrec.com](http://www.chemtrec.com).

## ***PENNSYLVANIA TRANSCAER CONTINUES ITS TRADITION OF SAFETY***

The Pennsylvania Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response Coalition (PA TRANSCAER) entered 2005 with an impressive record of educating first responders on addressing a hazardous material spill in transit. But with the increased scrutiny of transportation safety in the Keystone State, PA TRANSCAER has taken a much more public role, while continuing to fulfill the primary request of Pennsylvania's first responders - training.

In May, board members representing PA TRANSCAER met with elected officials and the Governor's Administration

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at the State Capitol in Harrisburg. The visiting members advanced the mission and successes of PA TRANSCAER by educating officials about the need that PA TRANSCAER fulfills in the emergency response community. The group concentrated their visits on the Governor's cabinet and leaders of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committees. Those visited included Senate Majority Chair Don White, Senate Minority Chair Jay Costa, House Minority Chair Tom Tigue, and PA Emergency Management Association Secretary Adrian King.

Since initiating its inventive tabletop programs for first responders in 2002, PA TRANSCAER has conducted programs in 17 counties, with three more planned in 2005. In addition to these counties, several others have expressed interest for 2006 trainings. The tabletop seminars have been welcomed by first responders, who have continually assured PA TRANSCAER that their most pressing need is continued training.

Ed Patterson, Pennsylvania TRANSCAER State Coordinator, states, "PA TRANSCAER is excited to have received national program recognition for excellence, and our training has received rave reviews from the emergency response community from across the state. PA TRANSCAER plans to continue our tradition of proactively promoting the safe transportation of chemicals now and in the future."

Pennsylvania's training season will be highlighted in September, as the Norfolk Southern Whistle Stop Tour makes a stop in Allentown, PA. The Whistle Stop Tour will feature a customized Norfolk Southern train where first responders can learn about several topics. Outreach and educational programs will also be held for the community at large. PA TRANSCAER members will participate and recruit speakers for this event.

***TRANSCAER Booth***



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

***BNSF Railway, Co. in TRANSCAER Region III and Region IV***

BNSF has worked incredibly hard this year in Regions III and IV to provide outreach to over 1700 emergency responders from 51 communities in 11 states including Colorado, North Dakota, Minnesota, California, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Because of BNSF's efforts, emergency responders in these states have been provided the opportunity to better understand hazardous materials transportation.



***New State Coordinators***

***UTAH STATE COORDINATOR***

Region IV is ecstatic to welcome its newest TRANSCAER State Coordinator, Mr. Steve Zamantakis of the Genesee and Wyoming (Utah Railway) Company at Midvale, Utah. Steve has agreed to be the Utah State Coordinator, and his team has already hosted a large TRANSCAER event in Salt Lake City.

Steve, welcome aboard!

***NEW JERSEY STATE COORDINATOR***

Region I is pleased to welcome William (Bill) Macready of NEWCENTURY Transportation Inc. as the New Jersey State Coordinator. In the short time Bill has been the Coordinator he has already held TRANSCAER training events. Additionally, Bill is an active participant on the National TRANSCAER Task Group, which is charged to provide guidance and tools to assist the Regional and State Coordinators implement TRANSCAER.

Thanks Bill!

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