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IN THE NEWS...

The 2003 TRANSCAER® Whistle Stop Tour Is A Huge Success!

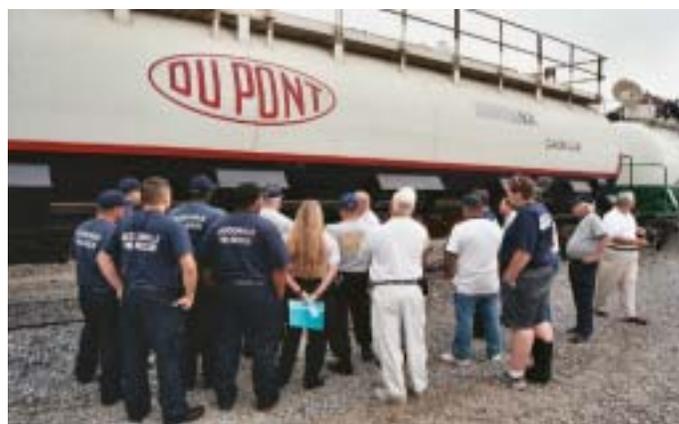
The 2003 Fall TRANSCAER® Whistle Stop Tour proved to be a huge success. The tour began in Jacksonville, Florida on October 7 then stopped in Forsyth, Savannah and Augusta, GA before wrapping up in Charleston, South Carolina on October 11. A total of 640 people were trained over the course of the week; with many more emergency responders, LEPC members, government officials, and interested persons attending and observing the event.

Hundreds of emergency responders in each location were provided hazardous materials training including response to tank car derailments and locomotive emergencies; inhalation, radiological and polymerizable materials hazards; as well as numerous other topics. At each of the five stops on the tour, Norfolk Southern awarded one scholarship for a local firefighter to attend a week long Tank Car Technician class at the Association of American Railroads Transportation Technology Center in Pueblo, CO.

This WST was sponsored by Norfolk Southern Railroad who employs approximately 17,000 individuals trained to handle hazardous cargo. Safety training rail cars were provided by DuPont, Rohm and Haas, Norfolk Southern, Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Association, and Potash Corp/PCS. The other companies included Air Products, Associated Emergency Service, Burrell Advisory Group,

Hepaco, Hulcher, Moran, Quality Carriers, Remtech Engineers, SWS Environmental, Operation Respond, and RETEC provided demonstration equipment, emergency response

equipment, and displays. "This is a great, great class," said Johnny Wingers, director of the Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency. "They're not talking out of a book. They've been there and done that." The event received positive news coverage on 12 different television news outlets and numerous radio broadcasts in addition to local and regional newspaper coverage. *Continued on page 6.*



TRANSCAER® Staff News

TRANSCAER® would like to welcome its incoming Program Manager, Nancy White. Nancy comes from the American Chemistry Council's Distribution Team and replaces Tim Butters as TRANSCAER® Manager. We wish Tim the best of luck in his new position in the Fairfax City, Fire Department. "I am very excited to work with this voluntary outreach effort. It is such a great tool to assist communities with preparing for a possible hazardous material transportation incident," says White.

New TRANSCAER® Awards Information

TRANSCAER® has revised its Awards system to best recognize outstanding achievement in the industry. Inside is a look at the new categories and nomination information. Remember to get your nominations in by January 31, 2004. *See Page 2 for more information.*

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TRANSCAER® and the Chlorine Institute

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TRANSCAER® is a voluntary national outreach effort that focuses on assisting communities to prepare for a possible hazardous material transportation incident. To help meet TRANSCAER® goals, the idea of a TRANSCAER® "sponsor" was developed by which organizations which support the goals and objectives of TRANSCAER® can use their advantages to forward the goals of TRANSCAER®. The Chlorine Institute is one of five organizations that have chosen to be a TRANSCAER® sponsor. The others are the Association of American Railroads (AAR), the American Chemistry Council (ACC), the Chemical Education Foundation and the National Tank Truck Carriers (NTTC). These organizations also provide support to TRANSCAER® through member resources and monetary and in-kind contributions.

As a TRANSCAER® sponsor organization, the Chlorine Institute has the responsibility to represent the membership at the National TRANSCAER® Working Group and to help our members fulfill their TRANSCAER® obligations. This is done in a number of ways. For example, the Chlorine Institute's Transportation Committee sponsored a TRANSCAER® event in Oakland, CA in May 16, 2003. Every Chlorine Institute member in the Oakland area was encouraged to participate as well as the Oakland area rail and road transportation companies that handled Chlorine Institute mission chemicals. Essentially, the Chlorine Institute, as a TRANSCAER® sponsor, was the catalyst for what turned out to be an outstanding TRANSCAER® event with over 150 local emergency responders receiving training from companies including Dow Chemical, Nexen, Inc., DX Systems, Union Pacific Railroad, Pioneer Companies, Clorox, Akzo Nobel and Bulk Transportation.

Another way the Chlorine Institute promotes TRANSCAER® is by serving as a conduit where other organizations who are hosting a TRANSCAER® event can tap into the chlor-alkali industry. For instance, the Chlorine Institute was recently contacted by the Hastings Nebraska Fire & Rescue asking for help putting on the "Great Plains Hazardous Materials Symposium" in Hastings, NB on March 31 and April 1, 2004 to provide training to emergency responders across Nebraska and nearby states. (See www.hastingsfire.org.) As a result of their request, the Vulcan Materials Company Wichita, KS and the DPC Industries Bellevue, NB CHLOREP teams are making preparations to participate by providing training in chlorine emergency response.

So, are there any problems with the TRANSCAER® sponsor program? Yes, there is one. More TRANSCAER® sponsor organizations are needed. A sponsor organization can have a multiplier effect by greatly increasing the companies who participate in TRANSCAER® events. TRANSCAER® is a great program. We need to keep it strong and growing. For further information on the TRANSCAER® sponsor program contact the TRANSCAER® web site (www.transcaer.org) or Nancy White at 703-741-5503.

AWARDS NOMINATIONS

It is time again to recognize the outstanding work in TRANSCAER® this past year with the 2003 National and Regional Awards! Recognition belongs to those who deserve it, from large companies to one-person state teams, and TRANSCAER® would like to recognize all of those who actively support TRANSCAER® throughout the year. For this reason, TRANSCAER® has revised the Awards categories this year. The awards categories now include:

National Achievement Award: This annual award recognizes extraordinary efforts by an individual company in support of the TRANSCAER® initiative. The award has three subcategories for shipper/manufacturer, rail, and trucking and allows three companies to be considered (one company in each category). Companies may nominate themselves for this award in the appropriate category. To be



eligible for the National Achievement Award, a company must demonstrate its commitment to TRANSCAER® in four areas: activities, organizational commitment, financial support and manpower investment.

Regional Approach Award: While individual company activities are important to the success of TRANSCAER®, the TRANSCAER® state teams are the sustaining factor in this

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success. The TRANSCAER® Regional Approach Award recognizes the efforts of the state teams. This annual award recognizes outstanding efforts of state teams or other groups of individuals for efforts in advancing the goals of TRANSCAER® in specific states or geographic regions. It may be awarded to more than one recipient. Have you completed your state goals? Have you contacted LEPCs, emergency responders and the public about the importance of TRANSCAER®? Are you proud about the work you have done this year? If you said yes to these questions, then submit a nomination for the TRANSCAER® Regional Approach Award. The Regional Approach Award is based on four categories: planning, organizational development, community interaction and events, and positive public opinion.

National Sponsors Award: This award recognizes the extraordinary efforts by a national sponsoring association in support of the goals of TRANSCAER®. One annual award will be given in this category.

Chairman's Award: This is an annual award is given by the Chairman of the National TRANSCAER® Task Group based on any criteria deemed appropriate by the chairman.

Individual Recognition Award: This award recognizes the effort of an individual person in advancing the goals of TRANSCAER®. This award can be given at anytime.

To submit an award nomination, download the nomination form from www.transcaer.org. The award nominations are due by January 31st, 2004. More information about the awards- along with the nomination documents- can also be found on the website. Good luck and keep up the great work!

TRANSCAER® IN ACTION!

BNSF's TRANSCAER® Commitment

Through the TRANSCAER® program, BSNF's community outreach has continued to provide valuable service throughout the year. Over 3500 emergency responders in 20 states have been trained so far in 2003 through numerous drills and exercises along the main line, key yards and terminals.

Working in conjunction with the IAG and numerous federal agencies (particularly the EPA) numerous joint-training/exercise opportunities were accomplished. The most notable of these was the 2003 LEPC conference held in Omaha, where BNSF provided a "Basics of Chemicals" classroom session. Also at the conference, BNSF and Union Pacific worked together to

provide hands on drills and safety instruction working with UP's training tank car.

Other notable training events included the BNSF TRANSCAER® Training Tank Car at the Intermountain HazMat conference at Ogden, Utah and the June "Montana Big Top" tour- a mini whistle stop tour in collaboration with Montana Rail Link and ExxonMobil. This was all capped off by a very successful series of three fire schools in Wyoming where BNSF assisted with and provided training at all three schools.



BNSF continues to be committed to the community and to the TRANSCAER® program. In addition to the activities above, the company is an ongoing participant on the TRANSCAER® Region V Inter-industry Advisory Group. BNSF has continued its policy of providing scholarships to fire services and HazMat teams to the AAR Hazardous Materials Training Center at Pueblo, Colorado. In addition, there are current plans to donate resource books and supplies, as well as rail tank cars and equipment to various fire schools and training centers.

Pennsylvania Emergency Response Training

The Norfolk Southern Corporation, along with Amtrak, hosted a joint "Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness" course and exercise for the Versailles Fire Company, Allegheny County, PA this past September. The purpose of this program was to maintain compliance with the Federal Railroad Administration's 49 CFR 239 guidelines- addressing issues of onboard communication, personnel training, and passenger awareness in the case of an emergency situation. This 4 hour classroom and 8 hour drill session was conducted by Josie Harper (Emergency Preparedness, Amtrak), Mike Brookins (Safety Coordinator, NS), and Tim Mannas (Asst. Mgr.-Hazmat, NS) along with the support of

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local NS personnel. The drill took place at Norfolk Southern's Pitcairn Yard, Wall, PA.

Amtrak provided a P-42 locomotive and two Amfleet II passenger cars for the equipment walk-through, familiarization and the emergency drill. Several mutual aid fire departments and emergency response agencies participated in the drill. The exercise scenario involved Amtrak Train 29 "The Capital Limited" at a grade crossing incident involving a truck hauling diesel fuel. The tank truck fouled the crossing resulting in the collision. The locomotive cab and the passenger cars were filled with smoke. Numerous injuries and fatalities were simulated requiring emergency responders enter the cars to rescue passengers.

The goals of the drill were to evaluate and test the effectiveness of the local emergency plan and response capabilities, communications systems and procedures, notification and response times, implementation of an incident management system, and the overall responsiveness of all the involved agencies and organizations. Additional benefits to the exercise included a better understanding of the various response procedures of the key organizations, and establishing working relationships among representatives that will likely be at the scene of an actual emergency. The debriefing and critique concluded that the exercise was conducted in a safe and effective manner. The participants exhibited excellent teamwork and professionalism in carrying out their responsibilities.

CI Trains 150 First Responders at 35th Annual CHLOREP

More than 150 first responders and EH&S managers attended CI's 35th Annual CHLOREP Training Seminar held in Tampa, Florida. Emergency response planning, incident



command communications, hazardous material emergency response and tank car leak repair techniques were all covered during a mix

of plenary sessions and interactive, scenario-based workshops. Attendees received hands-on training and experience with chlorine-related emergency equipment and practical exercises involving actual incidents. During a CHLOREP luncheon

ceremony, CI President Kathleen Shaver and CHLOREP Committee members presented Tampa Bay Fire Chief Green an American flag in honor of his life-long commitment to safety stewardship and emergency preparedness training. The seminar concluded with a tour of the Chemical Formulators' Chlorine Packaging and Bleach Manufacturing Plant (Allied Universal). The program was designed and produced by the hard work and dedication of CI's CHLOREP Committee Chairman Joe Workman and the Training Subcommittee which includes Armand Damesimo of Olin, Frank Gilmore of PPG, Dow's Scott Campbell, G.A. Rodriguez of Occidental, Ron Tujague of Chlorox, Chris Anziano of ASHTA, and Allied Universal's Charles Wight.

REGIONAL AND STATE NEWS

This section focuses on TRANSCAER® activities in each of the six regions. The following are just some of the many examples of activities that states have recently completed, are currently conducting, or are scheduled to take place in the near future. For complete event information, visit www.transcaer.org and go to the "Events" section of the "Regional and State Information" page. Please let us know what your area is doing so we can include it here. Submit Regional and State News items to Brendan.Quinn@americanchemistry.com.

Region I:

Upcoming Event- Maryland: The International Association of Fire Chiefs is holding a HazMat Team Conference. This event will be held in Baltimore, MD starting on June 3, 2004 and last 3 days. For more information contact Paul Little at PLittle@rohmmaas.com.

Region II:

Virginia: Virginia Beach held its HAZMAT Team Challenge on September 21-25, 2003. It was a comprehensive training program designed to build the skills of HAZMAT teams and train them in the use of the latest equipment for Marine, Fixed Facility, and Transportation scenarios.

Region III:

Texas: On November 1, 2003, over 60 firemen and women in the Van Alstyne, Howe, Gunter, and Trenton, TX Volunteer Fire Departments received instruction at Texas TRANSCAER®'s first training event. Eagle, Shell, SRS, Mission, Union Pacific and Oxychem all supported the session. Similarly, The Southeast Houston Area General Awareness Training was held on December 6, 2003, in

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Pasadena, TX. The volunteer fire departments from the Southeast Houston/Galveston Areas participated in a TRANSCAER® training event held at Hoyer-Odfjell Terminal with Lyondell, SRS, Linden, Shell, Hoyer, and Rohm & Haas all participating. Nineteen fire personnel were trained.

Upcoming Event- The AAR/BOE HazMat Seminar will be held in Houston, TX on May 18-20, 2004. The event will focus on Emergency Response Drills. For more information contact Paul Little at PLittle@rohmhass.com.

Oklahoma: Railroad Emergency Response & HazMat Awareness sessions were held on October 6 and 8, 2003. The purpose of this activity was to provide hands on training to HazMat personnel in Henryetta and Ada, OK.

Region IV:

West Virginia: The 2003 SERC/LEPC Conference took place in Charleston, WV on August 11-13. Among the topics discussed were methamphetamine drug labs, handling radiological contaminated patients, and the WV Memorial Tunnel.

Region V:

South Dakota: A Railroad Emergency Response/Beginner HazMat Chemistry session took place in Harrisburg, SD on September 7, 2003. This included a 4-hour module on railroad HAZMAT response and safety, beginning with a talk on TRANSCAER presented by regional railroad representatives to the South Dakota State Fire School.

Minnesota: On October 4, 2003, Emergency Response exercises were held in Cottage Grove, MN. These were full scale exercises involving the Cottage Grove Fire, Police, and Public Safety Departments, as well as Canadian Pacific Railway, Washington County and Dakota County Emergency Management, Area Public Schools, Regina Medical Center, and Salvation Army.

Region VI:

Washington: A series of railroad emergency response training sessions were held in Steilacoom, Everett, Burlington/Mt. Vernon and Bellingham, WA from September 4-10, 2003. In total, these exercises trained over 110 personnel in hands-on HazMat awareness and railroad emergency response

position requires a significant time commitment. The responsibilities of the Regional and State Coordinators include the actual implementation of TRANSCAER®. The Regional and State Coordinators work together to implement TRANSCAER® projects within their region and state. They are not expected to become personally

Regional Coordinator Openings!
There are currently openings for coordinator positions in the following Regions:

Region 1

Region 3

Region 6

State Coordinator Openings!
There is currently an opening for coordinator positions in the following states:

Alaska
 Arizona
 Alabama
 Connecticut
 District of Columbia
 Georgia
 Idaho
 Illinois
 Kansas
 Maine
 Minnesota
 Mississippi
 Montana,
 Nevada
 New Hampshire
 New York
 North Carolina
 North Dakota
 Ohio
 Oregon
 South Dakota
 Vermont
 Virginia
 Washington

involved in each individual project. However, they are expected to implement TRANSCAER® programs by utilizing chemical and transportation industry representatives, government representatives, local emergency responders and other interested parties by coordinating activities, information and resources.

Regional Coordinator Roles and Responsibilities

Regional Coordinators are a communication link between the state coordinators and the National TRANSCAER® Task Group (NTTG). The Regional Coordinator participates on the NTTG, helps manage the various State Coordinator activities, and acts as a mentor to state coordinators.

The typical duties of a Regional Coordinator include:

- Recruit volunteers to serve as state coordinators and on the National TRANSCAER® Task Group.

A CALL FOR COORDINATORS

While both Regional and State Coordinators play important roles in the TRANSCAER® initiative, neither

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form for the*



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All entries are due by
January 31, 2004
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- Assist state coordinator in establishing, organizing and growing a state TRANSCAER® committee.
- Facilitate communication and information exchange between state coordinators and the NTTG.
- Participate in NTTG meetings (held 4-5 times a year) and report activities in region.
- Commit 1-2 days a month to implement TRANSCAER®.

State Roles and Responsibilities

State Coordinators are responsible for implementing TRANSCAER® in their state. The State Coordinator shares information with the Regional Coordinator, and organizes resources and prioritizes TRANSCAER® activities in the state. Many times a State Coordinator will recruit others to help with these activities.

Typical duties of a State Coordinator Team include:

- Identify state TRANSCAER® needs and opportunities.
- Establish a state TRANSCAER® Team comprised of chemical, transportation, emergency responders, and local emergency preparedness agencies.
- Provide speakers and/or make TRANSCAER® presentations.
- Provide information on state TRANSCAER® activities, contacts, resources and speakers to the NTTG.
- Maintain a list of state TRANSCAER® activities, contacts, resources, speakers and ensure this information is provided to the TRANSCAER® database manager.

- Provide regular updates on state TRANSCAER® issues to the Regional Coordinator.
- Identify and obtain resources.

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The most consistent comment organizers received from emergency responders during the WST was: "This is the only event where I can see this type of equipment, meet knowledgeable people, and be able to interact with the instructors and get hands-on training...all for free."

In addition to all of the hands-on training, an indirect benefit of this type of event is the lines of communications that are established. The local emergency responders get to meet representatives from the chemical and transportation industries, emergency response contractors, regulators and others from the industry who will be responding to events in their communities should an event occur. Phillip Herndon, interim chief of Monroe County Emergency Services, remarked: "Every day we come to these things we get a better idea of the resources," Herndon said. "This is a resource, and we can shake hands with a resource."

So what does the future hold for the WST? Mike Stiner, the assistant manager of hazardous materials for Norfolk Southern and the chief WST organizer, said that his instructors will travel to any emergency agency that requests training. In fact, the train has become so popular that the company decided to make its travels to local communities an annual event. *Indeed, the Whistle Stop Tour is TRANSCAER® at its best...private industry and public agencies interacting to help ensure the safe transportation of hazardous materials.*

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