

Operation Thoroughbred Star a Success



On September 28, 2007 Norfolk Southern, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and the cities of Roanoke, Salem, Vinton, and

Roanoke County participated in a very successful hazardous materials Table-Top Exercise. This drill simulated the derailment and subsequent puncture of an anhydrous ammonia tank car at NS' Shaffer's Crossing Rail Yard in Roanoke, VA.

The goal of this exercise was to examine and demonstrate policy, procedures and coordination with responders and community partners to a potential terrorist incident involving a hazardous materials release. The exercise was conducted using the Department of Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) protocol. This event was held at the Jefferson Center in Roanoke, VA and a total of 123 participants attended representing 35 different organizations. Norfolk Southern was represented by the following NS departments: Safety & Environmental, Transportation, Mechanical, Police, Casualty Claims, Corporate Communications, and Government

Relations. Other representatives included local and regional hazardous material (HazMat) teams, hospital representatives, state and federal representatives (FBI, FRA and TSA), and other community partners.



Bob Crouch, Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness attended and provided some brief opening remarks. This Table-Top Exercise will be followed up with a Full-Scale drill scheduled for March 27, 2008, at the same location.

Pennsylvania TRANSCAER Honored



At the June 5, 2007 PATC meeting Bill Macready, Chair of the National TRANSCAER Task Group, presented Pennsylvania TRANSCAER with the 2006 TRANSCAER Regional Achievement Award. Jack Rozman was presented the TRANSCAER

Individual Achievement Award. Jack received the award for his role in making initial contact with county EMA coordinators and has helped them obtain training grants through Federal DOT funding. PATC offers the participating counties funding for costs not covered by the grants. The grants only cover 80% of the cost of the exercise.

Governor Expands Homeland Security in Kansas

Protecting the health and safety of Kansas's families is one of Governor Kathleen Sebelius's top priorities. To assist this effort, Governor Sebelius signed into law House Bill 2152 on March 26, 2007 expanding the Commission on Emergency Planning and Response to 27 members. This increase in membership brings more expertise to bear in emergency planning.

New members include representatives from a variety of fields, including law enforcement, transportation, health care, agriculture, animal health, public health, and local government. The leaders of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas Department of Agriculture, and Kansas Animal Health Department also became members of the commission as a result of this bill.

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allow for a better planned response by the state. "We need a broad range of expertise at the table if we're going

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to be able to prepare for the different types of emergencies we might face. By including more experts in the discussions, we'll be able to better plan our response," said Sebelius.

The number of commission members appointed by the Governor was expanded from seven members to 18 members. The additional appointed members will include one representative from each of the following groups: counties, cities, agriculture, transportation, energy, law enforcement, fire fighters, county emergency managers, emergency medical services, public works, hospitals public health, tribes of Kansas, individuals with disabilities, and one representative of the seven regional homeland security councils.

Current law stipulates that three members represent business and industry. This bill now requires that one of these individuals represent broadcasting. Finally, counties and cities, which each previously had two representatives on the commission, are now represented by one person each.

In December 2006, Governor Sebelius reappointed four individuals to the Commission, they were: James Heitschmidt, Hutchinson; Lyle Noordhoek, Hays; Ken Schremmer, Hoisington; and Karen Schuyler, Lawrence. All appointees will serve a four year term.

"As disasters around the country in recent years have shown us, coordination of first responders during an emergency is crucial. This commission helps make Kansans safer by working to prepare and coordinate emergency plans throughout the state," said Sebelius.

BASF Hosts Emergency Drill in New Jersey



On October 22, 2007, BASF Corporation in Washington, NJ conducted a successful joint drill with the Washington Borough Fire Department, the Washington Township Fire

Department, and the Warren County Office of Emergency Management (OEM). These drills are conducted periodically to ensure the Site is always prepared in the unlikely event of an emergency and that the coordination between the local authorities is practiced and in place. The timing for this particular drill was chosen because

October is National Fire Safety Month.

"BASF regards protection of health, safety and the environment as our most important responsibility. We care about our employees and our communities", said Martha Brabston, Site Manager, BASF Corporation.

Approximately 40 responders were on-site utilizing the appropriate equipment to manage the staged "fire" at the flammable liquid unloading area. "The opportunity for us to become more familiar with the BASF operations and see our people and equipment in action is invaluable," said Frank Wheatley of the Warren County OEM. Letters to neighbors were distributed before the drill to ensure they were familiar with the drill details and the anticipated response activity. A drill critique was conducted and documented with follow up action items for all parties. The joint drill was a learning experience for all involved and the next drill is planned for Spring/Summer 2008.



2007 Norfolk Southern TRANSCAER Whistle-Stop Tour Stops in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi

A special train traveled to Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi September 17-21 to provide emergency preparedness training to first responders as part of the 2007 Norfolk Southern TRANSCAER Whistle-Stop Tour.



The tour kicked off in Hattiesburg, Miss., and made stops in Meridian, Miss.; Tuscaloosa, and Birmingham, Ala.; and Columbus, Ga. Almost 800 emergency responders participated

in the training programs taught by chemical and rail transportation experts. At each location, emergency responders participated in hands-on drills and training sessions. Railroad training tank cars, specialized emergency response vehicles and over-the-road tank trucks were on display.

The following companies and organizations participated in the tour: Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health, DuPont, Firefighters Education and Training Foundation,

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GATX Corp., Hepaco Inc., Hulcher Services, Miller Transporters Inc., Olin Corp., Operation Lifesaver Alabama and Mississippi, Operation Respond Institute, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan, Rohm & Haas, SWS First Response, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Environmental Services and Wittig Transport Inc.



CSX Transportation Gives Safety Presentation in Evans, Georgia

On November 1st, CSX Transportation presented the third in a three part presentation on railroad safety to the Columbia County LEPC in Evans, Georgia. The presentation reviewed rail car emergency responses and identified key players during a transportation incident. CSX Transportation Hazardous Materials Systems Manager of Field Services, Harry Hopes, conducted the training in conjunction with HEPACO's Dome Training Trailer (Dome Trailer) and Emergency Response Manager, Clem Schimikowski.



The Dome Trailer travels the eastern United States with representatives from HEPACO, Inc. and chemical industry leaders in an effort to increase first responder's knowledge of valves and fittings. As the 2007 year draws to a close, 2008 dates are rapidly being secured as requests are sent in. Currently, the Fayetteville Fire Department and the Thomasville Fire Rescue have submitted dates in Georgia while other request from Texas, Virginia, and Carolinas have also been submitted. If your company, department, or jurisdiction is interested in scheduling a training class, please contact Clem Schimikowski at 770-934-1180 or cschimikowski@hepaco.com.

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On October 23rd, the Cobb County Resource Council LEPC provided a free training DOT Hazmat Training Course. Representatives from the local Fire Department, Hazardous Materials Teams, industry, and contractors attended the day long event. The course reviewed the packaging, manifesting, and record keeping requirements for hazardous material shipments.

For members of the Georgia Mutual Aid Group (GMAG), we are looking in January to provide a presentation on TRANSCAER and resources available in the State and within your jurisdiction.

TRANSCAER Tour Hits Nebraska

This past September, in cooperation with BNSF Railway, Union Pacific and many others, TRANSCAER conducted a seven-city training tour in Nebraska with a focus on ethanol-based emergencies. The tour, similar to one held last summer in Kansas, provided a total of 574 people with both classroom and hands-on training in the cities of Omaha, Lincoln, Columbus, Hastings, McCook, North Platte, and Scottsbluff.



Amongst the individuals trained on proper procedures for loading and securing tank cars were various emergency responders including police, hazmat teams, and fire fighters, as well as employees of both ethanol producers and shippers. Nebraska TRANSCAER volunteers worked closely with the State Emergency Response Commission, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, and other agencies to plan and prepare for the tour. Lieutenant Governor Rich Sheehy, who also serves as the director of homeland security for Nebraska, spoke at the Lincoln stop as part of National Preparedness Month.

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Ohio TRANSCAER Team Announces New Additions

Denny Day, Ohio TRANSCAER Coordinator, has invited two people from the transportation sector to join the Ohio TRANSCAER program.

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Welcome to TRANSCAER!

Ethanol Safety Tour Planned in Ohio

SUNPRO, Inc., the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway, the Kenan Group and Ohio Central Railroad are assembling a five city tour of Ohio to bring a "Dealing with Ethanol Emergencies" program combined with Railroad and Derailment Safety to Fire Departments, Emergency Management Organizations, and Industrial Groups across the state of Ohio. Dates and locations have not been locked in yet but the team is aiming for late April or early May 2008. Interested parties (participants or supporters) are welcome to contact Denny Day at SUNPRO, Inc. at 330.966.0910, ext. 217, or email dday@sunproservices.com, for additional information. If Denny is unavailable please leave a message and he will get back to you as soon as possible.

East Texas Training and Drill

A two-day training event and drill was held on September 26 & 27 in Jacksonville, Texas. Topics addressed on the first day included:

- General hazmat awareness
- Railcar and tank truck awareness
- Decontamination

A drill was held on the second day of the event, which involved the evacuation of a local hospital due to a railcar leak. TRANSCAER member companies that participated included Lyondell, Eagle, and Shell.

DOW/UP Training Tour Kicks Off in Texas

After a year of preparation, the Dow Chemical Company and Union Pacific Railroad have kicked off the first leg of a national safety tour under the umbrella of TRANSCAER. This



tour, which traveled through California, consisted of training broken into five modules:

1. Tank Car Anatomy: How to identify different types of tank cars, interpret markings, placards and train manifest.
2. Leak Repair: Where tank car fittings tend to leak and how to use leak repair tools and specialized kits such as the C-kit or Midland kit.
3. TIH and FG Presentation: The basic physical, chemical and toxic properties of the most common TIH and FG materials and how to identify and properly approach an incident
4. Locomotive: Safety precautions when responding to a rail emergency
5. Case Studies from Major Incidents: A look into major events in Potterville, Michigan, Minot, North Dakota, Madona, Texas and Grantville.



A General Awareness course was also offered that was a more general level of training for participants that did not need the tech level.

Participants received a participant bag at the end of the day which was stuffed full of emergency response literature and contained a memory stick with all the training they received that day on it. Over 500 people were trained during the event.

Other participating companies included: Rohm and Haas, Shell Chemical, Transport Service Inc., Linden Bulk, Superior Carriers, Schneider Bulk, and Mission Petroleum, O'Rourke Petroleum, Lyondell I, SRS.

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Pennsylvania TRANSCAER 2007 Review

The Pennsylvania TRANSCAER (PATC) had another good year in 2007. The early part of the year was dedicated to planning and scheduling county emergency response exercises for the year.

- On May 24th, an exercise was conducted in Emporium, PA that included Cameron, McKean, Elk and Potter Counties.
- On June 12 & 13th respectively, back to back exercises were held in Luzerne County and Lebanon County.
- From August 15-18th, Pennsylvania TRANSCAER was one of the sponsors for hazardous material training in Conrail's Morrisville, PA rail yard. Dupont's tank cars, used for training, were featured at this event.
- On November 17th, an emergency response exercise was completed in Mifflin County that also included representatives from Juniata and Huntingdon Counties. (See below)
- On December 7th, the last emergency response exercise for this year is scheduled in Beaver County. It will be held in New Brighton, PA.



Planning has already started for 2008. Next year, PATC has an initial commitment to sponsor emergency response exercises in

Clinton, Franklin, Northumberland, Philadelphia and Washington Counties.

Table-top Exercises Take Place in Pennsylvania

On Saturday, November 17th, Table-top Exercises were held at the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy in Lewistown, PA as a joint effort between Mifflin, Huntingdon, and Juniata Counties. This exercise concentrated on a transportation-related hazardous materials Incident that could occur in any of the three counties.

The focus of the Table-top was the use of existing agency plans and the decision making process between the representatives who attended. The goal was to ensure adequate notification and response to any crisis that the participating counties may be presented with during the exercise.

Participants that attended included various individuals responsible for administrative or operational level

decisions within their Agency or Company including:

- Fire Chief's & Line Officers
- EMS Chief's & Shift Supervisors
- Police Chief's & Patrol Supervisors
- Emergency Management Officials
- Public School Officials
- Healthcare Facility Supervisors & Admin
- Nursing Home Supervisors & Admin
- Transportation Officials
- Persons responsible for Special Needs Individuals/Agencies

CSX Trains in North Carolina

On the 12th, 13th and 14th of November, CSX hazardous material systems put on a full-scale hands



on training event at the Hamlet, NC rail yard. The training was for the North Carolina regional response teams from Greensboro (RRT-5) and Fayetteville (RRT-3). The event, called Golden Spike 2007, was meant to test the RRT system after local resources had been exhausted. The CSX training safety train, along with several out of service tank/box cars, was placed on an OOS line to simulate a rail incident with the RRT's making several entries to recon and mitigate several scenarios.



The NIMS evaluator was Bill Ferolli from compliance associates. The controller for the event was Mark Schmitt from Greensboro Fire

Department (RRT-5). Over one hundred responders participated in the event. Participants included representatives of the Hamlet Fire Department, Fayetteville Fire Department (North Carolina Emergency Management's Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team 3), Richmond County Emergency Management, CSX Transportation, Compliance Associates Incorporated and HEPACO.

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DOT (PHMSA) Partners With the NTTG



We are pleased to announce that the Department of Transportation (Pipeline &

Hazardous Material Safety Administration-PHMSA) has joined the National TRANSCAER Task Group (NTTG) as a Partner. Charles Rogoff, Grant Manager, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, will attend the upcoming NTTG meeting on behalf of the DOT. This partnership provides assistance in outreach efforts for emergency preparedness training. The addition is also a possible resource for financial support of TRANSCAER events, and for professional trainers to attend and present at TRANSCAER functions. Additional information can be obtained through the TRANSCAER website www.transcaer.org.

Kansas City Hosts TRANSCAER Event

Kansas City was the site of another successful TRANSCAER training event sponsored by The Chlorine Institute (CI) with a special focus on potential



chlorine incidents. The one-day event held on November 15th was planned and conducted by a task group led by Dan Thompson from Occidental Chemical along with members from a cross section of member companies.

By all accounts, the event was a success with ninety-nine local first responders, water treatment personnel and government officials in attendance. While other key local and regional government officials attended portions of the sessions. The training session also enjoyed strong participation from CI member companies including Occidental Chemical Corporation, Brenntag, Canexus, Harcros, Allied Universal, Midland Manufacturing, Georgia Gulf, CTEH, and Specialized Response Solutions (SRS) provided major support for the event through commitment of trainers and equipment.

Many organizations contributed to the success of the event including Groendyke Transportation, BNSF Railway, UP Railroad and Kaw River Valley Railroad who provided significant contributions of services, equipment and trainers. Special appreciation is also due to Hunt Midwest which provided a great indoor facility

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for the training stations which included 3 railcars and 3 tank trucks. And Hazmat Response committed numerous personnel including trainers, local logistics and equipment contributions providing much of the local coordination.

The event enjoyed very positive feedback from attendees and event trainers were very pleased with the engagement of the students. "This was the best CI event that I have attended in 10 years and the attendees received a great training experience. Well done CI," said Lou Wagner, General Director Chemical Transportation and Safety, Union Pacific Railroad and the TRANSCAER Region 3 Coordinator.

TRANSCAER has been designated by the Chlorine Institute Emergency Preparedness Issue Team as a key element of CI's outreach plan to first responders. Similar events are held across the country throughout the year and are designed to directly reach the local first response community. The Kansas City training builds on the success of previous events thanks to the substantial contributions of the companies and individuals who share the same goal of helping emergency personnel respond to transportation incidents.

BNSF Railway Working With TRANSCAER Regions 3 and 4



BNSF Railway, working with TRANSCAER Region 3 and 4, has been very active in the last two quarters of 2007. Community outreach through training, drills and mini-tours has

reached 1505 emergency responders in 12 states during 62 events. States involved in this outreach include: California, Colorado, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Washington.

BNSF worked with Union Pacific, Nebraska Emergency Management and Department of Environmental Quality, Ethanol Producers Association, Nebraska Trucking Association, Haz Mat Response, Inc., and US EPA Region 7 and the affiliated government agencies. The Nebraska TRANSCAER Training Tour reached 636 responders in 7 locations across the state.

Sites were selected to offer Ethanol specific training along with rail and highway transport training to as many hazmat teams and emergency responders as possible along key Ethanol shipping routes. (Please photos attached.)

By the close of the year, BNSF anticipates reaching more than 3200 emergency responders in the 28 states served by the railroad.

Plans are well underway to continue the TRANSCAER outreach throughout 2008, including several mini-tours in Iowa, Colorado and Washington.



Illinois TRANSCAER Events

- Training Fire Departments on BNSF in Weaverly and Barstow, IL
- Working with Union Pacific on TRANSCAER rail tour in Illinois for 2008
- BNSF Training and response exercise in March 2008 in Augusta, IL
- Meeting with Illinois Fire Service Institute on TRANSCAER railroad training

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