

TRANSCAER®'s Mission is Shared

While many others may exist, the list below describes some of the organizations that share similar goals as TRANSCAER®. TRANSCAER® coordinators and others are encouraged to contact these organizations to augment their current resource pool. Links to these organizations are also found on the TRANSCAER® website.

CHEMTREC®

CHEMTREC® (Chemical Transportation Emergency Center), established in 1971 by the chemical industry, is a public service hotline for fire fighters, law enforcement, and other emergency responders to obtain information and assistance for emergency incidents involving chemicals and hazardous materials.



CHEMTREC® provides information through a database of material safety data sheets (MSDS) on products and emergency and administrative contacts for the companies registered with CHEMTREC®. By calling the 24-hour hotline, emergency responders activate CHEMTREC®. MSDS information is disseminated to those on-site at the incident, and notification calls are made to the shipper of the product involved.

In addition to working with emergency responders during an incident, CHEMTREC® also works with TRANSCAER® groups planning drills. With advance notice, CHEMTREC®

will participate in a mock exercise.

For more information, visit www.chemtrec.org.

Cher-Cap

The Comprehensive HAZMAT Emergency Response-Capability Assessment Program (CHER-CAP) is offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist local communities and Tribal Governments in obtaining a greater understanding of hazmat risks, identifying planning deficiencies, updating plans, training first responders, and stimulating and testing the system for strengths and needed improvements.

To participate in CHER-CAP, a community must notify its State emergency management agency of its interest. The State then selects jurisdictions for participation.

Over the next four to six months, CHER-CAP works with the community. Items like the LEPC plan, existing mutual aid agreements, existing data on hazardous substances in the community and training needs are reviewed. The culmination of the CHER-CAP activity is a full-scale hazmat exercise, with "live" props (e.g. transportation vehicles, simulated smoke and leaks, simulated



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Why Training?

TRANSCAER® Region II Chairman, Mike Stiner of Norfolk Southern, discusses the annual Fireman's Muster and the Atlanta Fire Safety and Apparatus Show and why this event is important to Norfolk Southern and Region II. The event was held July 25-28, 2001, in Atlanta, Georgia.

What was the purpose of the event?

This training event was conducted to help prepare the metro-Atlanta fire departments in responding to rail related incidents and accidents. Atlanta Fire Chief Winston Minor said he was very pleased with the event, particularly with the Norfolk Southern Rail exhibits. He stated that 137 area fire fighters are now better equipped to respond to hazmat incidents involving rail shipments.

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Let's Talk

From the Chairman

Many companies, organizations and agencies throughout the country share the goal of TRANSCAER®. TRANSCAER® is a voluntary national outreach effort that focuses on assisting communities prepare for a possible hazardous material transportation incident. This issue of *TRANSCAER® Today* highlights some of the programs that support community preparedness.

While most of the programs noted in this newsletter are not industry-initiated, there are many industry-driven programs that share similar goals as TRANSCAER®. Responsible Care®, the American Chemistry Council initiative to improve environmental, health and safety performance, includes chemical manufacturers and others who are directly involved in the handling of chemicals (such as transportation companies). Responsible Care® is comprised of guiding principles and codes of management practices, two of which directly relate to TRANSCAER®. The Distribution and CAER Codes require dialogue with the public on their concerns regarding emergency response and chemical distribution safety. Other industries, such as the distribution and coatings industries, also have performance improvement programs.

There are plenty of opportunities for your company or organization to become involved in community emergency preparedness. Contact your TRANSCAER® state coordinator to learn how you can become involved!

*Paul Little, Rohm & Haas
National TRANSCAER® Task Group Chairman*

What's New on the Web

- Region V TRANSCAER® Training Tour Updates
- 2000 TRANSCAER® Award Presentation Pictures
- TRANSCAER® Guidance Manual
- TRANSCAER® Community Awareness Manual
- Updated Links

Spotlight on Region II: 2001 Recap

2001 has been a busy year for TRANSCAER® events across Region II. Region II TRANSCAER® representatives continue to help LEPC's, emergency management agencies, fire departments and others prepare contingency plans for a possible transportation hazmat release. Highlights from each state are listed below.

Florida continues their state program of annual TRANSCAER® Workshops at the state fire academy. These workshops are the cornerstone of the Florida program and provide in-depth training to emergency responders across the state. The state team is currently planning the 2002 workshop.

Alabama TRANSCAER® hosted several events this year. Mobile was the site of the Chlorine Institute's annual TRANSCAER® Workshop and Drill attended by over 200 area emergency responders. Tuscaloosa County held their first LEPC sponsored hazardous materials transportation workshop in August.

Georgia TRANSCAER® held events in Atlanta and Augusta. Combined, these events drew over 2,000 attendees to emergency response training, drills and exhibits featuring the TRANSCAER® booth, live demonstrations of ER equipment, training tank cars and chemical and rail industry instructors.

The **Tennessee** TRANSCAER® committee held training seminars throughout the state. Emergency response contractors and carrier representatives instructed attendees on what to expect during a transportation hazmat release.

Kentucky, North and South Carolina, and Mississippi all held classes and presentations under the TRANSCAER® banner.

Looking forward to 2002, a tentative Whistle Stop Tour is planned. Alabama, North Carolina and Tennessee may all host stops.

Mike Stiner, Region II Coordinator, would like to recognize four of our very active state coordinators who make the TRANSCAER® program work: John Hudson, Florida; Denny Day, Ferguson-Harbour Inc. from Tennessee; Mark Farwell, Hepco, Inc. from Georgia; and Randy Wallace, Hepco, Inc. from Alabama. Thank you for all the hard work!

The Chlorine Institute Supports TRANSCAER®

The Chlorine Institute, Inc. sponsored a TRANSCAER®

training workshop and emergency response exercise on June 15-16, 2001, in Mobile, Alabama. The event was held in cooperation with the Mobile Fire Department, Mobile area industries and emergency response service providers.

The workshop provided training in state-of-the-art emergency response planning and operations techniques to volunteer and full-time emergency response and emergency management agencies. Chemical manufacturers, transporters, and industry professionals in the areas of distribution, transportation, and emergency response presented the training.

The workshop included demonstrations and presentations



about the properties of several hazardous materials and the safe transportation of those materials. Additional training focused on effective response planning and implementation for chemical transportation emergencies.

On June 16th, there was a simulated tank car incident involving a transportation chemical spill and an emergency response exercise. This was a great opportunity for local emergency responders to test their skill and emergency response plans. The critique which followed the exercise also provided the opportunity for additional learning.

For more information on this event, email Jack Aherne, Chlorine Institute, at jaherne@cl2.com.

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causalities, etc.). An evaluation of the exercise then follows.

For more information, visit www.fema.gov/library/cher_cap.htm.

Operation Respond®

Operation Respond® is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing the emergency response community with accurate and timely information in transportation emergency situations. Designed for use at hazardous materials and passenger train incidents, Operation Respond® Emergency Information System (OREIS™) software provides timely information to first responders.



Police and firefighters arriving at the scene of a hazmat incident can use OREIS™ to verify hazardous materials cargo of a train car or motor carrier and respond appropriately.

The system also provides detailed diagrammatic schematics for many passenger train cars and locomotives. OREIS™ highlights interior and exterior views, seat configuration, emergency exit doors and windows, and the location of electric and fuel sources to save critical time in a rescue situation.

Besides serving as a powerful tool in emergency response, Operation Respond® can be a tremendous asset in community outreach. As part of their TRANSCAER® commitment, some companies have chosen to distribute OREIS™ software to the communities they travel through.

For more information, visit www.oreis.org.

33RD CHLOREP SEMINAR

Chicago, Illinois

November 14-15, 2001

Presentations to include:

- Review of chlorine incidents
- New CHLOREP emergency contractor program
- Rail carrier's perspective on chlorine emergency response
- Overview of the State of Illinois programs for emergency response

For more information contact Debbie Earle at the Chlorine Institute at (202) 872-4734 or dearle@CL2.com or visit www.CL2.com.

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Use the TRANSCAER® booth at your next event!

To request a booth, please contact Renee Milausnic at (703) 741-5303.



Time to be Recognized

2001 TRANSCAER® Award Nominations Due

As the weather turns cooler, the National TRANSCAER® Task Group can think of only one thing (after football): the award nominations for the 2001 National and Regional TRANSCAER® awards. It is time to be recognized and awarded for the outstanding work you have done in TRANSCAER®!

Companies can nominate themselves for the 2001 TRANSCAER® National Achievement Award in either the manufacturer/shipper or carrier 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.

While individual company activities are important to the success of TRANSCAER®, the TRANSCAER® state teams are the sustaining factor in this success. The TRANSCAER® Regional Approach Award recognizes the efforts of the state teams. 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. Both of these Awards offer the opportunity to showcase company and state team activities to peers, communities and others.



TRANSCAER® Award

In addition to these awards, TRANSCAER® offers individual recognition certificates. These can be given out at any time during the year.

Recognition belongs to those who deserve it, from large companies to one-person state teams. And, recognition also belongs to those who submit nomination forms.

To submit an award nomination, download the nomination form from www.transcaer.org. The award nominations are due by December 1, 2001. More information about the awards can also be found on the website. Good luck and keep up the great work!

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C.J. Wehrmeister, Norfolk Southern's Vice President of Safety and Environmental, gave special thanks to Chief Minor for his efforts supporting TRANSCAER®.

How did this event benefit the community and industry?

Events like these open and enhance the lines of communication between the railroad and various emergency response organizations. In addition to the training the emergency responders received, the Atlanta Fire Safety and Apparatus Show allowed 1,800 local citizens the opportunity to see the various types of fire fighting apparatus. The Norfolk Southern locomotive, training tank cars, and the Norfolk Southern Exhibit Car, along with displays from TRANSCAER®, Operation Lifesaver, the Federal Railroad Administration, Marshall-Miller Associates and others were also on site for the public to see and ask questions about. Georgia State TRANSCAER® Coordinator, Mark Farwell of Hepaco, said this type of event helps promote the TRANSCAER® mission in Georgia.

Why did Norfolk Southern Railway become involved in the event?

Norfolk Southern was involved because of its commitment to TRANSCAER®. It is important to Norfolk Southern to support TRANSCAER®'s regions and states, specifically the Georgia state team and Region II.

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