

WAGNER ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

Long-time TRANSCAER® advocate and leader, Lou Wagner,

Gen Dir CTS at Union Pacific Railroad, has announced that he is planning to retire on April 30, 2009. Currently, Wagner is serving as the Vice Chairman for the National

TRANSCAER Task Group (NTTG) and as the Regional Coordinator for Region III. During his tenure with TRANSCAER,



Wagner has been instrumental in helping to move TRANSCAER® forward by managing and engaging key players in one of the most active Regions (III) to host some of the most successful TRANSCAER training programs in the United States. Most recently, Wager is credited with leading the NTTG through productive strategic planning programs and helping to secure new sponsor relationships with the Renewable Fuels Association. Wagner has recruited Tim O'Brien, Director Hazmat Management for Union Pacific Railroad, as his replacement on the National TRANSCAER Task Group. Have fun and know that we are going to miss you, LOU!

RETIREMENT BRINGS CHANGE TO REGIONS

Because of Lou Wagner's retirement, starting in May 2009, Region III will be divided into two separate Regions. Long-time Texas TRANSCAER® devotee, Karen Scheel, Senior HSE Coordinator, Total Petrochemicals, will take the reins to head up the activities for Region IV, which will now consist of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Brock Lowman, Manager, HazMat for BNSF Railway, and current Region IV Coordinator, will transition into the role of Regional III Coordinator and will manage Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Dave Buccolo, General Manager, Central California Traction Company will take over as the Region IV Coordinator. The TRANSCAER web site will be updated to reflect the new changes this spring. Please visit www.TRANSCAER.com for the most updated information on this and other exciting changes to TRANSCAER.

MISSOURI PREPARES FOR TRANSCAER

ETHANOL TRAINING

The 2009 Missouri TRANSCAER® Ethanol Training Tour is gearing up for a spring kickoff. Local responders will benefit from the TRANSCAER® training, which will focus on proper procedures for handling transportation-related environmental emergencies. With a spotlight on ethanol, TRANSCAER® will visit seven communities in Missouri and one in Illinois. The TRANSCAER® training schedule includes:

Rolla – April 8
Springfield April 14
Carrollton April 18
St. Joseph April 23

Jefferson City – April 30
East St. Louis, IL – May 2
Ladonia – May 7
Carthage – May 14

"Ethanol has quickly become a significant industry in our state," said Rick Gann, Missouri TRANSCAER® state co-coordinator and Department of Natural Resources On-Scene Coordinator. "We are excited about bringing this sort of excellent training to our emergency responders."

A value added part of the TRANSCAER® training stops for attendees at Carrollton, St. Joseph and Ladonia will be a tour of an ethanol production plant. "We are working closely with company officials at the ethanol plants to give local responders an inside look at how ethanol is produced," said Brad Harris, Missouri TRANSCAER® state co-coordinator and Department of Natural Resources On-Scene Coordinator.

The Burlington Northern Santa FE Railway, Union Pacific Railroad, Kansas City Southern Railway, and the Missouri and Northern Arkansas Railroad sponsor the 2009 Missouri TRANSCAER® Ethanol Training Tour.

For more information, please contact Rick Gann at rick.gann@dnr.mo.gov or 660-385-7995 or Brad Harris at brad.harris@dnr.mo.gov or 573-526-4794.



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TRANSCAER Accepting Award Nominations

DEADLINE- March 2, 2009

Did you, your company, or someone else you know host or help coordinate a successful TRANSCAER event in 2008? If you answered YES, you might be interested in submitting a nomination for the 2008 TRANSCAER Awards. To learn more about the TRANSCAER Awards process, visit www.TRANSCAER.com – go to AWARDS to learn more about each of the Award categories. Plus, you are now able to submit your nomination online directly from the web site. Check it out today!

TRANSCAER Awards, in order of award seniority, are:

- TRANSCAER Distinguished Service Award
- National Achievement Award
- Regional Achievement Award
- TRANSCAER Chairman's Award (at the discretion of the Chairman)
- Individual Recognition Award
- TRANSCAER Certificate of Appreciation

The TRANSCAER awards program is designed to:

- Recognize the achievements of individuals, companies, and organizations that have gone beyond the normal call of duty to advocate, demonstrate, and implement the principles of TRANSCAER
- Enhance the public recognition of TRANSCAER and
- Increase participation in the initiative

Awards Timetable for Implementation

Disseminate Award Forms/Packages – ALL Nomination Forms Are ONLINE (www.TRANSCAER.com go to AWARDS) – Nomination Forms Are Accessible Anytime.

(Please NOTE: If you are planning to submit your nomination on-line, please make sure to have all of your supporting documentation available at the time you plan to submit your nomination since you are not able to save your nomination for future use. Everyone is strongly encouraged to submit your nominations directly online, if possible. If you do submit your nomination online, please print a hard copy of your award out for your retention)

- Closing/Deadline for Award Nominations is Monday, March 2, 2009
- Distribute to Awards Committee for Review Week of March 9-13, 2009 Awards Committee Review.
- Recipients Selected Thursday, March 19, 2009
- Notify Recipients in Writing
- Announce Recipients on or near April 1, 2009
- Coordinate Award Presentations at the Recipients Discretion

2009 TRANSCAER Grants Now Available

The National TRANSCAER® Task Group is pleased to announce that grant money to help offset operational expenses is now available.

In 2009, the National TRANSCAER Task Group has earmarked \$6,000.00 for TRANSCAER events. If you are planning to host a TRANSCAER event in your community and it meets the approved criteria (please visit the GRANTS page at www.TRANSCAER.com go to GRANTS), you may be eligible for a \$500.00 per event grant. There is no deadline for submitting GRANT request, however, GRANTS are issued on a first come, first serve basis.

TRANSCAER Awards Committee will be comprised of Members of the TRANSCAER Executive Committee (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Immediate Past Chairman, TRANSCAER Staff Executive, At-Large Executive Committee member) and the NTTG representative for each of the National TRANSCAER Sponsors not already serving on the TRANSCAER Executive Committee.

No individual in consideration for an award may serve on the TRANSCAER Awards Committee during that Awards Committee session. No company representative may sit on the Awards Committee during that session if his/her company is being considered for an award, nor may any association representative of an association under consideration serve on the Committee during that session.

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact Donna Lepik at dlepik@transcaer.com or 703-741-5503. Grant applicants are encouraged to apply for grants online directly by visiting www.TRANSCAER.com and go to GRANTS. You may also submit your requests on official letterhead. Grant requests should be mailed to: Donna Lepik, TRANSCAER Staff Executive
1300 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209

The letter should summarize how the applicant intends to meet the following criteria:

- Type of target audience?
- Type of activity or event?
- Number of expected attendees?
- How does the event advertise TRANSCAER?

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DOT Grants \$21.1M to First Responders for Hazardous Materials Planning and Training

Congresswoman Corrine Brown of the 3rd District of Florida announced November 10 that \$774,750 in hazardous materials (hazmat) training funding for the state of Florida would be available for use by first responders. Flanked by fire fighters at the Jacksonville Fire Training Academy, Representative Brown, Chair of the House Transportation Subcommittee DOT Grants \$21.1M to First Responders, Emergency Workers to Improve Hazardous Materials Planning and Training on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials, stated that these grants are of extreme importance, not only for the City of Jacksonville, but also to cities nationwide.

Putting national focus on a local problem, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) advanced the Secretary of Transportation's Rural Initiative with the issuance of grants totaling \$21.1 million to states, territories and Native American tribes for planning and training to improve the nation's response to both rural and urban hazmat transportation incidents. The grants will help train first responders to react to incidents involving hazmat and to meet the safety challenges posed by new chemicals and alternative energy products such as ethanol.

"This hazmat grants program enhances the foundation of local emergency response capabilities and serves a vital role in a comprehensive hazmat safety program," PHMSA Administrator Carl T. Johnson said. "Although prevention is our first priority, preparing communities to respond safely and effectively to those incidents that do occur provides important protection to all Americans."

User fees paid by shippers and carriers of certain hazardous materials fund the PHMSA grants. Since 1993, over 2.2 million emergency responders and others have received training assistance nationwide using Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grants. According to United States Fire Administration (USFA) statistics, there are approximately 824,000 volunteer fire fighters, many of whom are rural hazmat responders. USFA estimates that as many as 80 percent of rural fire service hazmat responders are not trained to the minimum hazmat operations level.

HMEP grants program will:

- Help re-establish Local Emergency Planning Committees in rural communities.

- Identify rural hazmat challenges: PHMSA, working in partnership with the USFA and emergency response organizations, will help volunteer emergency responders plan and train for hazmat transportation incidents.
- Develop curriculum and technical assistance programs: Working with other federal agencies, including the USFA National Fire Academy, PHMSA will help develop innovative new curricula and technical assistance programs that specifically target improving rural community hazmat planning and response capabilities.

All 50 states, three U.S. territories, and many North American tribes received funding this year.

To get immediate news, regulatory notifications and other updates from PHMSA/DOT, go here and sign up <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/portal/site/PHMSA>

BNSF Railway Reaches Out in 2008

BNSF Railway and the BNSF Haz Mat Team worked throughout 2008 to reach out to 4567 emergency responders in 17 states in 203 events. These included 25 drills of various sizes and one Big Top Event in conjunction with the Chlorine Institute at Auburn, WA. These events spanned the year from January in Kansas to November in California.

Preparations are completed and the schedule is building for the 2009 training season. The BNSF 99911 TRANSCAER training tank car underwent winter maintenance and refurbishing at the BNSF's Newton Mechanical shops at Newton, KS. A new Hydrochloric Acid nozzle and fittings was installed. New safety railing access points were completed. A new electrical system and new air compressor and plumbing was installed, all to improve the functionality and safety of this premier training tool.

The 2009 training season for BNSF 99911 has over 90 scheduled events and will be on the road from February in Los Angeles to late October in Colorado Springs.

Please check the events section of the TRANSCAER website for training events the car will be a part of, including the Missouri TRANSCAER Ethanol Training Tour in April.



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Training by Norfolk Southern in 2008

First responders from three states increased their skills and knowledge on how to respond to railroad hazardous materials incidents during training presented by DuPont and Norfolk Southern during 2008. DuPont provided their CARE Cars; each set consists of a boxcar, tank car, and a caboose. The boxcar is a rolling classroom; the tank car is equipped with a variety of tank car valves and fittings, while the caboose is used to support the other cars. Norfolk Southern provided space for the cars and publicized the events. Both companies provided instructors for the training

The students attended classes at sessions that were held at Danville, KY Jul 14 to 16, Lexington, KY August 4 to 7, Cincinnati, OH August 25 to 29, and Baltimore, MD October 20 to 24. The training consisted of classroom presentations in the boxcar followed by hands on instruction at the tank car. Almost 500 emergency responders attended these sessions.



Participants received training on tank car construction, valves and fittings, and railroad safety and response. Students were able to see the various valve arrangements that are used on tank cars and understand the proper way to handle an incident involving a tank car.

In addition to the joint training with DuPont Norfolk Southern also provided free hazardous material training programs to many communities in the 22 states that it serves. In 2008, over 4294 individuals from 766 departments took advantage of this training. These local classes have reached more than 38,183 emergency responders since 1997.



Training class on top of the DuPont training tank car.



Class being shown valves and fittings on the bottom of the DuPont training equipment.



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CRISIS CITY: A New Multi-Use Homeland Security Training Facility Coming Online Soon

Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, Search and Rescue, Fire, Medical, Public and Private Industry, and the Military in the mid west will soon have a new state-of-the-art training facility in Salina, Kansas known as the Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center

Key Elements.

In April 2007, Governor Kathleen Sebelius and Maj. Gen. Tod Bunting, director of Kansas Homeland Security and Kansas adjutant general, announced a proposal to develop five regional training centers to enhance the state's capabilities to defend against terrorism and respond to disasters and emergencies.

Four regional training centers will be developed in strategic locations around the state to ensure state and local first responders, the Kansas National Guard and public safety organizations have state-of-the art training facilities. The Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center in Salina, which includes Smoky Hill Weapons Range, will serve as the training hub.

The center currently has approximately 36,000 acres for air and ground training. The regional training centers concept resulted from the Adjutant General's Department working with numerous state and local government agencies and public safety professional organizations to determine how best to integrate the needs of emergency responders, public safety and the National Guard into realistic training and exercise facilities.

Each of the new centers will be strategically positioned to reduce travel time for those seeking training.

State and federal partners who may consider using the regional training centers include: Kansas Fire Marshal's Office, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas Department of Transportation, Kansas Highway Patrol, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Wildlife and Parks Department, Emergency Medical Services, Transportation Security Administration, emergency management, public and private industry, sheriff's departments, police departments, fire departments, university police, and other military Reserve components.

CRISIS CITY Key Elements:

- State funded and supported
- "Disaster City"-- like design/approach
- First responder emergency training center
- Multi -discipline, multi -agency focus
- Small campus, adaptable and expandable
- Concrete/semi --permanent structures/ training aids
- National Guard involvement will be primarily focused on Military Assistance to Civil Authorities
- Integrated with Eisenhower Center for HLS Studies

BENEFITS

- Satisfies training needs of Kansas responders
- Provides discipline-validated training
- Provides opportunities for training certification/NIMS compliance
- Facilitates the cooperation of state and local agencies, private industry and non-governmental organizations in training events; and
- Meets customer-training needs/satisfaction to the point that

Crisis City expansion into other regions of the state is demanded by Kansas first responders, emergency management professionals and elected officials.

Owner: Federal Government

Total land: 150 acres (6.5 million square feet)

Perimeter: 10,386 feet

For information about Crisis City or the Regional Training Centers, contact Chief Warrant Officer 5 Mark Jensen (785) 861-3863; mark.h.jensen@us.army.mil



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Texas TRANSCAER Golf Tournament 2009

Thursday, March 5th
12:30 pm Shotgun

Registration Begins at 10:30 am



TRANSCAER®
Transportation Community Awareness Emergency Response is a voluntary national outreach effort that focuses on assisting communities prepare for a possible hazardous material transportation incident.



Please RSVP before Feb. 27 2009

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(281) 557-0555

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Cost: \$125.00 per player

(Includes green fees, cart, practice range, box lunch and snacks during awards)

- Gold Sponsor \$1,000.00 *Includes entry fee for 4 players, 2-hole logo signs and logo on banner*
- Silver Sponsor \$ 500.00 *Includes entry fee for 2 players, 1-hole logo sign and small logo on banner*
- Individual Sponsor \$ 200.00 *Per hole and includes tee marker sign with logo*

Company Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Contact: _____ Phone No.: _____
 Player 1 _____
 Player 2 _____
 Player 3 _____
 Player 4 _____

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All TRANSCAER participants, volunteers and spectators are required to adhere to the golf course dress code of collared shirts, no denim and soft spikes. Cut-offs, tee shirts and denim will not be allowed.

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