

Transportation Community Awareness & Emergency Response

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2004 AWARD WINNERS

BNSF and NS Win the National Achievement Award

The National TRANSCAER Task Group (NTTG) is proud to announce that BNSF Railway, Co. (BNSF) and Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) have won the 2004 TRANSCAER National Achievement Award in the rail category. Both companies received this award for their outstanding support of TRANSCAER in four areas: activities, organization commitment, financial support and manpower investment.

Working in conjunction with numerous federal agencies, BNSF provided railroad emergency response, hazardous awareness, and railroad familiarization training to more than 3397 responders. Most notably, BNSF worked in conjunction with industry partners and the State of Missouri to host the 2004 Region III, Missouri TRANSCAER Training Tour. The tour kicked-off on October 5-6th in Hannibal. A joint training session was held in cooperation with the NS Whistle Stop in St. Louis on Oct. 12th. On October 14th, the train stopped in Cape Girardeau. The tour concluded on October 16th in Poplar Bluff. Over 420 fire fighters, emergency management, and state emergency responders were trained.



Additionally, BNSF personnel actively participated in LEPCs and SERCs throughout the country, as well as on National, Regional, and State TRANSCAER Committees. BNSF assisted with traffic flow studies, emergency plan reviews, and outreached on rail transport to state and federal agencies. Agencies and groups included the Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Homeland Security, Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams, and state emergency managers.

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*William E. Offerman,
Fire Chief Elwood,*

Illinois said, "On behalf of Elwood Fire Department, we would like to thank you... We recently responded to a call at the BNSF properties and the information disseminated at the class was definitely useful and beneficial. The commitment of BNSF to assist us in making our job as safe as possible is greatly appreciated."

In terms of the TRANSCAER structure, BNSF was an active member of the NTTG and provided the TRANSCAER Region IV Coordinator and the State Coordinators for Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Illinois. Regular contact was kept with the TRANSCAER Program Manager; updates made to the TRANSCAER website with current activities and photos; and TRANSCAER efforts were touted internally and through the BNSF Railway Newsletter.

NS held TRANSCAER events in 18 of the 22 states through which NS transports hazardous materials and trained 3994 emergency responders from 261 counties. Event locations were chosen based on NS's key hazmat routes and requests from hazmat shippers in response to community needs. At each of these locations, local emergency planning committees, emergency responders and government officials were able to participate in classroom, hands-on training, table-top simulations and/or actual drills.



Most notable was the fall TRANSCAER Whistle Stop Tour (Whistle Stop), which was responsible for training approximately 1000 emergency responders the week of October 11-15, 2004. The Whistle Stop kicked-off in Decatur, IL, and traveled through America's Heartland stopping in St. Louis, Missouri; Princeton, Indiana; and Louisville and Danville, Kentucky. Each stop offered 20 classes and participants left with Certificates of Attendance. In Danville, attendees earned credit hours towards state training!

Denny Day, SUNPRO, writes, "I have personally been on all four Norfolk Southern Whistle Stop Tours and have a full understanding of the amount of effort that goes into each stop on the tour... If this wasn't enough, [Norfolk Southern's] See Awards, Page 2

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hazardous and environmental department continuously supports local communities with individual events, whether it be an evening presentation to a group of fire fighters, an all day Saturday program for responders, or a multi-day presentation of CAER cars all over the 22 or so states that Norfolk Southern serves.”

In support of emergency preparedness, NS actively participated in LEPCs throughout its rail system and developed the NS Railroad Emergency Response Planning Guide to assist and respond to railway related incidents or emergencies. This guide is also designed to be utilized as a reference source and hand-out to supplement TRANSCAER training programs. Additionally, NS provided 10 scholarships for emergency responders along their lines to attend the AAR /Transportation Technology Center's Emergency Response Training Center in Pueblo, Colorado. An additional eight scholarships were awarded during the 2004 Whistle Stop Tours and two at the 2004 Virginia Hazmat Conference.

In terms of the TRANSCAER structure, NS provided the Transportation Co-Chair for the National TRANSCAER Task Group and the Region II Coordinator. TRANSCAER training statistics and programs are discussed at quarterly NS Environmental Policy Council meetings, which include executive level management, and regular contact was kept with the TRANSCAER Program Manager.

BNSF and NS were presented the 2004 TRANSCAER National Achievement Award in Kansas City, Missouri during the AAR/ Bureau of Explosives Hazardous Materials Seminar on May 24-26, 2005.

Congratulations!

ExxonMobil Wins the 2004 National Achievement Award

The National TRANSCAER Task Group is pleased to announce that ExxonMobil is the winner of the 2004 TRANSCAER National Achievement Award in the shipper category. ExxonMobil won this award because of the great dedication it has shown to the principles of TRANSCAER by assisting communities prepare for and respond to a possible hazardous material transportation incident.

Every ExxonMobil facility is responsible for developing, maintaining and improving systems to respond to emergencies and outreaching to communities. ExxonMobil uses the TRANSCAER umbrella as a mechanism to do this by coupling

with and reaching out to communities surrounding its manufacturing and distribution centers. Through TRANSCAER, ExxonMobil informs its neighbors of its plans, and extends industry knowledge and expertise to emergency management to help improve emergency response programs.

ExxonMobil was very busy in 2004 promoting TRANSCAER's principles. ExxonMobil provided TRANSCAER Community Awareness Training in California, Oregon, and Illinois and TRANSCAER Safety Awareness Training in Illinois. ExxonMobil routinely follows-up on its training activities by returning to the areas. Each time this happens, attendance numbers for the training sessions increase.

Additionally, ExxonMobil assisted others with their events by lending equipment. Tank cars were loaned to the BNSF Railway Co. to assist with training Fire Schools and conducting a mock drill in the Alameda Corridor. Furthermore, to support TRANSCAER at the national level, ExxonMobil provides an active participant on the National TRANSCAER Task Group.

The National TRANSCAER Task Group applauds ExxonMobil's continuing effort to look for ways to extend safety training and communicate the TRANSCAER message.

Pennsylvania TRANSCAER Wins the Regional Approach Award - What a Tabletop!

The National TRANSCAER Task Group is delighted to announce that the Pennsylvania State TRANSCAER Team (PA TRANSCAER) has won the 2004 Regional Approach Award. PA TRANSCAER received this Award for its outstanding support of TRANSCAER illustrated by its growth, organization commitment, and manpower investment.

PA TRANSCAER was formed to enhance the principles of TRANSCAER on the state level and is reflective of the breadth of the industry operating in Pennsylvania. Currently, 25 individuals representing chemical manufacturers, transporters, responders, state and federal government entities are all members. The group is formal and meets quarterly – more frequently, if needed.

In 2004, PA TRANSCAER undertook intensive outreach and planning to conduct hazmat response training in seven counties: Erie, Blair, Carbon, Cambria, Berks, Lackawanna, and Montgomery. Over 250 responders were trained during these table-top exercises.

The planning of this event was spectacular. A volunteer was assigned to work specifically with each of the seven counties. The role of this representative was to describe the training experience, determine dates and locations, and help the

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communities plan the scenario. Utilizing this approach allowed the counties to focus on supporting participation by removing much of the burden of developing a scenario and coordinating the training. To further assist, PA TRANSCAER coordinated media and public interest into the training by developing and distributing press releases at each of the counties.

The NTTG thanks PA TRANSCAER for being such a successful and active preparedness and training program. You did an excellent job providing free, realistic hazardous materials training to first responders in Pennsylvania.

TRANSCAER Welcomes CHEMTREC® as a 2005 Program Sponsor



TRANSCAER is delighted to announce that CHEMTREC has joined the TRANSCAER family as a 2005 Sponsor! CHEMTREC stands for the **CHEM**ical **TR**ansportation **E**mergency **C**enter. Its vision is to be recognized by emergency responders, government, industry, and others as the world's foremost emergency call center for information. CHEMTREC accomplishes this vision by serving as a round-the-clock resource for obtaining immediate emergency response information for accidental chemical releases. CHEMTREC is linked to the largest network of chemical and hazardous material experts in the world, including chemicals and response specialists within the ACC membership, response specialists within the carrier community, public emergency services, and private contractors. When necessary, CHEMTREC can establish direct communications between these experts, CHEMTREC personnel, and the responders at the scene of an incident.

CHEMTREC is dedicated to emergency response and preparedness and is pleased to announce that it will host a CHEMTREC International Emergency Response Summit on February 22-24, 2006 in Miami, Florida. The primary focus of the conference will be to address the emergency response needs of companies that ship hazardous materials internationally and to investigate emergency response capabilities globally. CHEMTREC also plans to include a TRANSCAER track to mentor State Coordinators and case studies of high-visibility hazardous materials emergency response efforts.

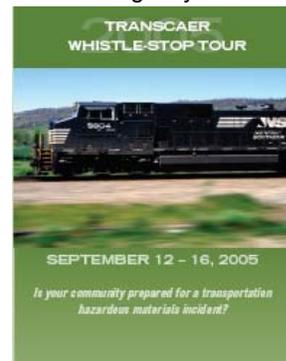
We can't think of a better addition to the TRANSCAER Team. As a Sponsor, CHEMTREC will help set the agenda and direction of National TRANSCAER, recruit TRANSCAER participants and state team members, provide sweat equity, and fund national initiatives. Welcome!

TRANSCAER in ACTION:

Norfolk Southern 2005 TRANSCAER Whistle-Stop Delivers the Hazardous Materials Safety Message

A special train operated by Norfolk Southern will visit five Northeastern cities for the 2005 TRANSCAER Whistle Stop Tour (Whistle Stop/Tour). The Tour will kick-off in Buffalo, New York on September 12th. It will then proceed to Binghamton, New York on September 13th, Linden, New Jersey on September 14th and Allentown, Pennsylvania on September 15th. The Tour will conclude in Hagerstown, Maryland on September 16th.

Training is free each day from 9am – 3pm. The goal of this event is to enhance community understanding of hazardous materials transportation and provide local emergency responders training in tank car recognition and managing a hazmat incident. At each location, interested state and local emergency planning committees, emergency responders, and government officials will be able to participate in hands-on drills and training sessions. Additionally, railroad training tank cars, specialized emergency response vehicles, and over-the-road tank trucks will be on display.



The Whistle Stop will include safety training cars from NS, DuPont, GATX, and the Firefighter Education & Training Foundation. Companies including New Century Transportation, Sunoco, React Environmental Services, Specialized Professional Services Inc., Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health, Hulcher, Operation Respond, and SUNPRO plan to participate and provide demonstration equipment, emergency response equipment, and displays.

Full Scale Exercise at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico

On March 10, 2005, the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia was the scene of a full-scale exercise named AT/FPEX '05 simulating the intentional derailment of a freight train and subsequent chemical release. CSX Transportation (CSXT), as part of its on-going community outreach and planning assistance programs, helped design the exercise and
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was an active participant. Additionally, the CSXT/Firefighter's Safety and Education Foundation safety train served as the centerpiece of the drill. Attendees included units from the Marine Corps, the MCB Quantico Fire Department, the Prince William County Fire and Police Departments, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

Participants were trained on the national incident command system, hazardous materials response, and media relations. A derailment was chosen in part because Quantico base has some unique features that draw attention to the rail line. These unique features include CSX's mainline track separating the two halves of the base property and a civilian town being located entirely within the confines of the base.



To drill, tank cars from the safety train were derailed on a seldom-used siding at the base. A smoke machine was placed on one of the tank cars to simulate a vapor release. "Victims" in full moulage had to be rescued by the first arriving units. Treatment and management of those victims was a big part of this exercise! Hazmat teams were charged with establishing emergency decontamination stations and entered the hot zone to assess the damage to the tank cars.

Once the incident was declared under control, a mock press briefing took place. Speakers included the Base Commander, Colonel J.M. Lowe, as well as representatives from the Fire and Police Departments and CSXT.



"At CSX we fully understand the value and learning experience that a well orchestrated exercise such as this can bring to both the public and private sectors. With this exercise we had three very different entities working together towards a common goal", said Scott Gorton, Director of Hazardous Material Field Services for CSX Transportation.

BNSF Railway Co. Works In California

BNSF continues to strive to reach out to the response community in 2005. This February and March, BNSF provided 6 weeks of hazmat refresher training, meetings, and drills/exercises for responders and emergency managers in California using the BNSF 99911 Training Tank Car.



Highlights include:

- Two days of training in Los Angeles.
- Three days of hands-on training in Commerce.
- Four days of training in Torrance.
- Two days of training in Barstow.
- One day of training in Merced.
- One day of training in Madera.
- One day of training at Riverbank.
- One day of training at Hanford.

Attendees included first responders, hazmat responders, and military personnel. Nearly 400 people received training and 6 major counties interacted with the TRANSCAER process.

State Coordinator Openings!

There is currently an opening for coordinator positions in the following states:

Connecticut	New Hampshire
Idaho	New Jersey
Maine	Oregon
Mississippi	Vermont
Nevada	Virginia

CHEMTREC® International ER Conference

Date: February 2006
Location: Hotel Intercontinental Miami, Miami, Florida

Potential Topics Include: Emergency response needs of companies that ship hazmat internationally, Emergency response capabilities globally, and TRANSCAER

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