

Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations Train the Trainer Program

Missouri Emergency Response Commission and University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute have developed an opportunity to provide a Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations Train the Trainer (TtT) course to Missouri's Emergency Services Instructors. This program will allow Instructors from all disciplines to provide the level of training needed for their responders.

A Key goal for MERC is to provide a quality and consistent training program throughout all disciplines and jurisdictions providing MERC funded Hazmat training. We also believe that providing CEU's and a path to certification is an important part of the training process. MERC, along with MU FRTI, Missouri Division of Fire Safety, Missouri Sheriffs Association, Missouri Police Chiefs Association, Missouri Bureau of EMS, and SEMA have worked together to provide a process where all trainers for MERC funded classes will be able to provide POST and EMS CEU's for delivered courses, as well as prepare students for accredited certification through the Division of Fire Safety for Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations training. In order to achieve this, all instructors must successfully complete a TtT course for the updated curriculum as of Jan. 1, 2010. These courses will be provided by MU FRTI and MERC at no cost to emergency response community trainers. Trainers from academies, colleges, or technical schools may participate in the TtT courses for a fee of \$125.00, based on class and material costs. MU FRTI will invoice your Institution after your registration is complete.

If you are only interested in the Awareness level TtT, this option will be available. We feel this is most applicable for EMS or POST qualified instructors due to the requirement of Fire Service Instructor I Certification for Operations trainers, and most of their training needs will be at the Awareness level. To provide for these needs, the Awareness component of the TtT will be provided in the morning, followed by Division of Fire Safety certification testing provided after lunch for those who do not have that required certification.

In order to meet POST, EMS, and Division of Fire Safety's CEU and Certification requirements, the following instructor qualifications are required:

Hazardous Materials Awareness Instructors

- Must have successful completion of an instructor training course that covers the principles of learning, methods and sequencing of instruction, methods of testing and evaluation, preparing performance objectives and lesson plans, training liability, and oral and written communication skills.

Examples of courses meeting this requirement:

- a) Missouri Police Officer Instructor Certification
- b) Missouri Bureau of EMS Instructor
- c) NFPA 1041 - Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications, Instructor Level I or higher
- d) Associates or Bachelors degree with educational instruction class
- e) Master Trainer Certification from a recognized industry provider
- f) Letter from a recognized association verifying instructor credentials

- Must have successfully completed a recognized Division of Fire Safety Hazmat Awareness course

(May take online prior to the TtT at www.mufrti.org)

- Must be certified to the Awareness level by Division of Fire Safety prior to teaching the class

(Division of Fire Safety Awareness Certification test will be provided after the Awareness TtT for those who do not hold this certification)

- Must have taken the current TtT course and provided all instructor documentation as required (This would include instructor contact information, POST and EMS instructor registration, a resume' regarding hazardous materials training credentials, and other documentation as requested)

(For Division of Fire Safety Contract courses provided through MU FRTI only, Awareness Instructors must also be certified by the Division of Fire Safety as Instructor I)

Hazardous Materials Operations Instructors

- Instructors must hold a current Missouri Division of Fire Safety Instructor I certification or higher.
- Must have successfully completed a recognized Division of Fire Safety Hazmat Operations course prior to attending the TtT course
- Must be currently certified to the Operations level by Division of Fire Safety prior to attending the TtT course
- Must have successfully completed the current Train-the-Trainer course and provided all required instructor documentation as required (This would include instructor contact information, POST and EMS instructor registration, a resume' regarding hazardous materials training credentials, and other documentation as requested)
- For Hazardous Materials Operations Instructors, students with Division of Fire Safety Instructor I or higher will be provided DFS Hazmat Evaluator status at the completion of the TtT course.

In order to be included in the August 25 2010 TtT at Tan Tar A, candidates need to provide the requested documentation on the Hazmat TTT Candidate Information Form to the MERC Training Coordinator ASAP. The form may be requested at the below email or downloaded from the MERC web site at:

<http://www.sema.dps.mo.gov/mercc.htm>

Please email or fax all documentation to:

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