



APALACHEE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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24-hour OSHA HAZWOPER Operations Level Refresher Course

Date: May 3-5, 2016 (Tuesday – Thursday)
Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Location: Tallahassee Fire Department Training Division
(2964 Municipal Way, Tallahassee, FL 32304)
Instructors: Brian Dennison and Tracey Higdon, with Alan Screws

This course provides those personnel first-on-the-scene with basic information needed to recognize, evaluate, and control an incident involving the release or potential release of hazardous materials. It is intended for personnel of who may come across a chemical emergency during the course of their normal duties.

The focus of the course is on recognizing and evaluating a hazardous materials incident, organizing the team, protecting personnel, identifying and using resources, implementing basic control measures, decision-making and protecting the public. Firefighting techniques are not part of the course. By gaining an overview, gathering, and interpreting information, the participants will learn how to make decisions based on a scale of risk versus gain. Participants will work on fixed facility and transportation scenarios for recognizing and evaluating safety concerns during the management of a release or potential release of hazardous materials.

Topics to be discussed are: response plans; hazard/risk assessment; physical and chemical properties; health effects; container and damage assessment; determining incident objectives; command and safety; personal protective equipment and decontamination.

Instructional methods used are lectures, class problem solving and hands-on exercises. Emphasis is on the hands-on use of equipment and exercises for practically applying lecture information. Attendees will participate in several simulations designed to apply and test the lessons learned during the course. **Participants will wear respiratory protection and chemical splash clothing during the course.**

After completing the course, attendees will be more knowledgeable about response organization, hazardous materials response operations, personal health and safety, resources and control methods.

Individuals who respond to hazardous materials incidents should meet the minimum requirement set forth under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) 29 CFR 1910.120 paragraph 9 (q).

This course is compliant with the Florida State Emergency Response Commission Training Guidelines and the Florida Operations Level Hazardous Materials Training Program (2015 Edition). The course meets the Operational level training requirement of the National Fire Protection Association's 472 *Standard for Competencies for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents (2013 Edition) for Chapter 5 Core Competencies for Operations Level Responders.*

To register, please contact Chris Rietow, LEPC Coordinator at (850) 488-6211 ext. 102 or e-mail at crietow@thearpc.com Registration deadline is Friday, April 29, 2016. There is a maximum of 24 participants for this course.