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Whereas TRANSCAER is a unified industry initiative;

State of New Jersey

THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senate President STEVEN S. WYDEN and Assembly Speaker STEVEN S. WYDEN

**WHEREAS** the year 2016 marks the significant occasion of the 30th anniversary of TRANSCAER's Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response, a first-of-its-kind voluntary national effort that fosters and assists communities to prepare for and respond to a possible hazardous material transportation incident;

**WHEREAS** sponsored by the American Chemistry Council, the Association of American Railroads, Fertilizer Institute, CHEMTREC, the Chemical Industry Institute of Fundamentals, and the American Petroleum Institute, TRANSCAER consists of representatives from emergency response personnel and industry and government personnel;

**WHEREAS** the existence of TRANSCAER is a result of a long history of providing the safe transportation and handling of hazardous materials, reducing and limiting the consequences of such transportation incidents, and ensuring the safety and well-being of the transportation industry;

**WHEREAS** TRANSCAER offers a variety of training programs, including providing hazardous material awareness and workplace safety training, and offering education and training to tens of thousands of responders between 1986 and 2016;

**WHEREAS** the support and success of the State of New Jersey and the celebration of TRANSCAER's 30th anniversary;

Be it Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, Assembly and Senate, that the Legislature hereby commends TRANSCAER upon its 30th anniversary;

Be it Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and stored in the State Treasury and the State Archives, be transmitted to TRANSCAER.



Stephen W. Sweeney  
Governor of New Jersey



# TRANSCAER® CHECK-UP

## VITAL SIGNS STRONG, PROGNOSIS EXCELLENT



Most of us have an annual physical where we are poked, pinched, prodded and possibly, pierced or punctured in an attempt to gauge our health. As we approach the middle of TRANSCAER's® 30th anniversary year, I thought it might be a good idea to give our program a check-up too. You will be pleased to know that our vital signs are indeed strong.

Let's look at the numbers. Through the end June this year, there were approximately 90 training days encompassing nearly 220 training activities including full and half-day training sessions, seminars and webinars. For the entire year, more than 115 days and 275 activities are scheduled. This means TRANSCAER® events take place on roughly one-third of the days of the year. And there's even more good news - in the first six months of 2016, activities were hosted in 30 states!

This extraordinary level of activity is a sign of vitality and health. In some ways, the everyday accomplishments of the TRANSCAER® family of sponsors, partners and team members are astounding. Ours is a voluntary organization, after all, and neither the companies nor the volunteers who organize, lead and host the events are compensated for these activities. Yet, by working together, we provide unparalleled education and training for the emergency responders who protect communities across the U.S.

The curricula for our programs reflect the combined expertise and vision of our organizations. From the basics of tank car and truck design to the fundamentals of hazmat response, to understanding of the chemical and physical properties of the products we produce and transport, TRANSCAER® gives responders information and real-world training to help them do their jobs effectively and safely. No one is better able to educate responders than the industry experts who handle our products every day, and ensure that the right safety systems, procedures and equipment are ready if they are needed.

In April, I spoke about TRANSCAER® at CHEMSS2016, the Global Summit on Chemical Safety and Security Summit that took place in Kielce, Poland. This was billed as "the first global, multi-stakeholder event dedicated to addressing chemical

safety and security solutions in the supply chain of raw materials, production, infrastructure, transportation and use of chemicals in all areas of chemical activity." Don't let the fancy phrasing fool you - this was a meeting of nuts-and-bolts industry people as well as government safety and security specialists from around the world who want to ramp up their safety, security and emergency response efforts. The audience appreciated the important work of TRANSCAER® and was especially impressed by the cooperation shown by the many public and private, producer and transporter TRANSCAER® partners. These global leaders recognized that international safety and security require the same level of commitment and shared responsibility we've come to expect at TRANSCAER®, and they wanted to understand how we transitioned from cooperation theory to steel-toed practice.

I explained the key was the unshakeable commitment to the safety of our communities that allows TRANSCAER® organizations to work together despite possible commercial, technical and even philosophical disagreements. We look for ways to achieve, not for reasons to hesitate.

The schedule of activities for 2016 reflects this commitment. That's why I say this mid-year check-up is so positive. But a note of caution - we must not take our efforts and commitment for granted. The World Health Organization defines health as, "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." Today, thanks to our shared efforts, I believe TRANSCAER® is indeed healthy, and as long as we maintain our diet of cooperation and regimen of best practices, the long-term prognosis is excellent for the program, the emergency responders we train and the communities we strive to assist.



*Frank Reiner*

**FRANK REINER**

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# U.S. CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZES TRANSCAER®'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

**O** **N APRIL 28, 2016, CONGRESS PASSED A RESOLUTION** introduced by U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, that recognizes the incredible work of the TRANSCAER® program in helping communities prepare and respond to a potential transportation incident involving hazardous materials.

TRANSCAER® is a unique program. Last year alone, the program helped more than 50,000 emergency responders through hands-on training, emergency planning assistance, support for community drills and exercises, technical information and reference and training materials. The program has been going strong since 1986 and is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

As you know, the key component to the success of the program is the volunteers that provide their time and other resources to work with communities across the country. While every one of our volunteers is a superstar, TRANSCAER® recently awarded select individuals, companies and organizations that went above and beyond in their support of the program.

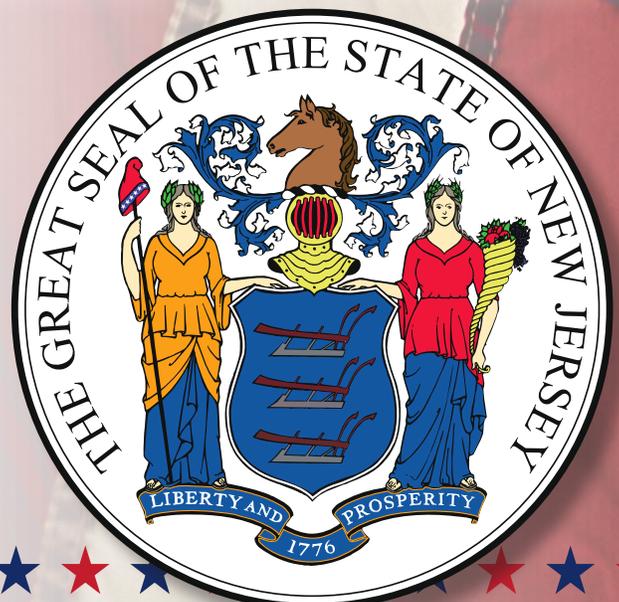
We are very grateful to our TRANSCAER® Team Members and to Senator Capito for recognizing TRANSCAER® and to Congress for expressing their support for a program that has been helping keep emergency responders and communities safe for three decades.



# NJ JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZES TRANSCAER®'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

**T** **RANSCAER® RECEIVED A NEW JERSEY JOINT** Legislative Resolution recognizing TRANSCAER®'s 30th Anniversary. The sponsors were legislators from District 3 representing Westville, NJ (Senator, Stephen M. Sweeney, Senate President; Assemblyman, John J. Burzichelli, Deputy Speaker/Appropriations Chair; Assemblyman, Adam J. Taliaferro).

The NJ Resolution recognizes TRANSCAER® as an esteemed volunteer outreach organization dedicated to focusing on assisting communities to prepare for and to respond possible hazardous materials transportation incidents. THANKS for recognizing TRANSCAER®.



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Whereas TRANSCAER is a unified industry initiative that promotes the safe transportation and handling of hazardous materials;

Whereas TRANSCAER aids community emergency response planning for hazardous material transportation incidents;

Whereas TRANSCAER builds strong relationships and trust with communities located along transportation routes, and those relationships and trust could help to ensure that an incident is handled safely, appropriately, and efficiently; and

Whereas TRANSCAER demonstrates the continuing commitment of chemical manufacturers and transporters to the safe transportation of hazardous materials: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes the Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response
- 2 program (commonly referred to as "TRANSCAER") on
- 3 its 30th anniversary.
- 4

State of New Jersey



THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

### JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senate President SWEENEY and Assemblymen BURZICHELLI and TALIAFERRO

**WHEREAS**, The year 2016 marks the auspicious occasion of the Thirtieth Anniversary of TRANSCAER® — Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response, a highly esteemed national volunteer outreach effort that assists communities in preparing for and responding to a possible hazardous material transportation incident; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sponsored by the American Chemistry Council, the Association of American Railroads, CHEMTREC®, the Chlorine Institute, the Fertilizer Institute, API, and the Renewable Fuels Association, TRANSCAER® consists of representatives from chemical manufacturing, transportation carriers, distribution, industry associations, emergency response personnel and industries, and government; and,

**WHEREAS**, The volunteers of TRANSCAER® are entirely devoted to promoting the safe transportation and handling of hazardous materials, educating and assisting communities near major transportation routes about these substances, and aiding in local emergency response planning for transportation incidents; and,

**WHEREAS**, TRANSCAER® offers a variety of free programs, including planning assistance, training, drills and exercises, whistle stop tours, reference and training materials, national conferences and workshops, and state coordinators; and,

**WHEREAS**, Throughout three decades, TRANSCAER® has demonstrated an exemplary dedication and steadfast commitment to the safety and well-being of our communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, The strength and success of the State of New Jersey and the effectiveness of our American society depend in great measure upon concerned organizations such as TRANSCAER®; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

That this Legislature hereby congratulates TRANSCAER® upon its Thirtieth Anniversary, and extends best wishes for its continued success and vigor in the years ahead; and,

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to TRANSCAER®.

Attest:



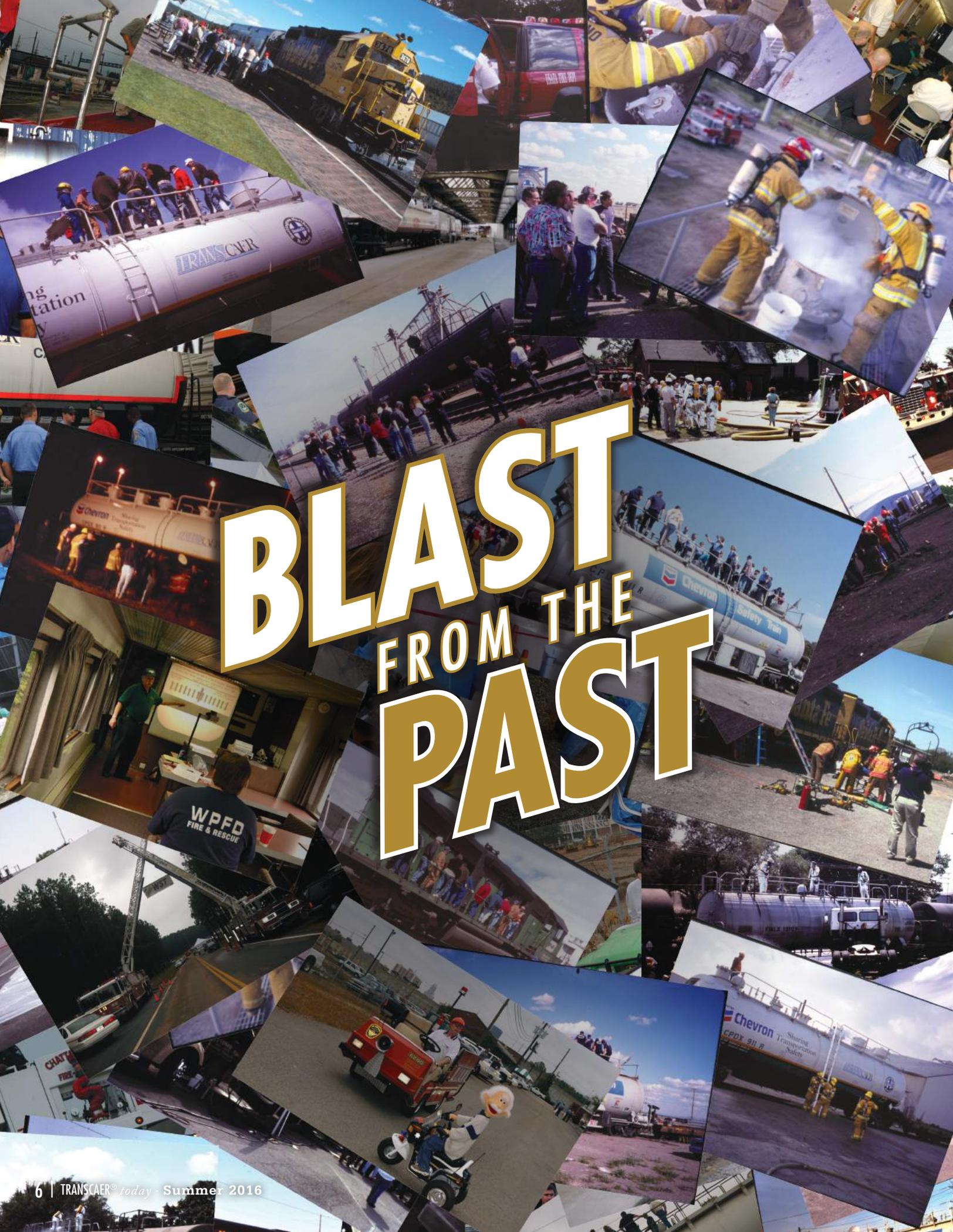
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Secretary of the Senate



MELODY  
Clerk of the General Assembly

Stephen M. Sweeney  
President of the Senate

Speaker of the General Assembly



# BLAST FROM THE PAST

# WHEN THE PLAN COMES TOGETHER

By Randy Speight, (Retired, American Chemistry Council, 1991-2015; CHEMTREC® 1998-2015)



Randy Speight (retired) with his 2014 TRANSCAER® Torch Award



“I love it when a plan comes together.”

“I love it when the plan comes together” was a phrase often heard in the mid-eighties television show the A-Team. It’s also a phrase I thought of often in the 25 plus years that I had the opportunity to work with TRANSCAER®.

Over its three decade history TRANSCAER® has adapted to meet the needs of the public it served. A regional effort at first, sponsored by the Union Pacific Railroad and The Dow Chemical Company, TRANSCAER® was brought to the Chemical Manufacturing Association (later to become the American Chemistry Council) in the late eighties with the intent to extend the program and its sponsorship nationally - the TRANSCAER® evolution had begun!

With the help of the sponsoring associations and companies, which included representation from the chemical, trucking, rail, barge and distribution industries, TRANSCAER® developed its first comprehensive community training and communication program in the early '90s.

At the heart of the program was a community resource manual complete with “floppy disc” inserts for local planning communities to use as templates to help acquire resources and plan drills. In its pre-rollout phase, the program received accolades from the response community and emergency planning committees in major cities, federal government circles and among those associations engaged in chemical transportation policy. Yes, the plan was coming together – or was it?

The resource manual and training programs, as well as the process to deliver those resources had been developed by the “best of the best”. The authors were among the very best emergency response personnel that industry could offer

and the non-industry contributors came from some of the best fire departments in the country. That, we would soon realize, was a problem.

As part of the initial “rollout” of the new program, TRANSCAER® leadership took it to an EPA sponsored meeting of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) to present the program.

Attending the meeting were representatives from some of the large and better funded communities, as well as a number of representatives from small rural communities – communities that, for the most part had very limited funding and depended primarily on volunteer responders and planners. It was a representative from one of those small rural communities in West Virginia who, with a single observation, changed the course of TRANSCAER®.

While I am sad to say I don't remember his name, I'll never forget his message.

“For all practical purposes, I am the county LEPC,” he said. “I am also a volunteer firefighter, a deputy sheriff and I run the local jail. My wife prepares the meals for the jail's prisoners. We have only one computer available to me in the county and that's provided by FEMA. Our training budget for chemical transportation emergencies is negligible. While you've put together a great program, it won't do me much good. My county doesn't have the resources to use it.”

We were surprised and disappointed, but not discouraged. We invited him to address the next TRANSCAER® leadership committee - and he did!

His observations and his willingness to share his thoughts highlighted that, in our work with the more experienced and better funded response organizations, we had lost sight of the limitations that faced many of the rural communities through which hazardous materials are transported. To be successful, we not only needed a strategic plan at the national level, but we also needed a process to stay connected with the users, wherever they may be and whatever resources they had.

That recognition led to the creation of the regional and state TRANSCAER® structure – a structure designed to ensure that TRANSCAER® resources remained connected, available, useful and relevant to the needs of the communities along transportation routes. TRANSCAER® had evolved - again.

Since those early days, TRANSCAER® has continued to evolve and has brought hazmat training resources to hundreds of thousands of responders in both rural and urban communities. It has been done through the tireless efforts of chemical companies, chemical transportation companies, the associations they represent and the federal government.

It has been successful because of the cooperation of the men and women who represent the emergency response and planning organizations and who welcome TRANSCAER® into their communities.

Because TRANSCAER® evolved to bring resources to where they were most needed – the plan did, indeed, come together. You've gotta love it! ■



Randy Speight has been an advocate for and champion of the TRANSCAER® program for his entire 24 years at American Chemistry Council. Randy joined ACC in 1991 and retired March 2015.



# REMEMBERING TRANSCAER®

Thank all of you from the bottom of my heart!

BY LOUIS J. WAGNER, Union Pacific Railroad, TRANSCAER® Distinguished Service Award Recipient, former NTTG Chairman and Member (retired)



*Blast from the past...Beaumont, TX Fire Chief PETE SHELTON addresses responders during an October 1993 TRANSCAER Whistlestop Tour. Photo Courtesy of Bulk Transporter.*

**S**INCE RETIRING IN 2009, I look back with fond memories of my time in TRANSCAER®. The relationship began in 1991 when I was promoted to a new position at Union Pacific Railroad (UP) which included serving on a joint UP/Dow Team called TRANSCAER®. My experience had been in railroad operations (moving rail freight safely, on-time and within budget), so at least the safe part was very familiar. I could tell from the first meeting in Washington, DC that this program had the potential -- for both producers and transporters of hazardous materials -- to reach communities via local responders. The safety training was unique and had previously been made available only to a few communities near a chemical plant or a major rail yard. The potential existed to reach hundreds of communities and thousand of local emergency responders using in-house experts who would share their specific knowledge

with community responders on a large scale – something that had not previously been attempted.

At first only the “big boys” in the industry had the personnel, equipment and budget to sponsor TRANSCAER®, and with a natural tendency to keeping in-house secrets, it was a challenge to get additional producers and producers companies from smaller producers to join. It was also a challenge to have non-rail transporters (truck and barge) join us. However, once some of the major truck and barge companies joined, many others followed.

TRANSCAER® grew quickly with members, sponsors, training equipment for all modes of transport and a freer flowing of ideas. The national meeting had interesting discussions on how to implement the program. We selected a Chair and Vice-Chair and divided the country into Regions. We shared ideas on how best to train personnel, how to best use the modal training

equipment at a central site and how to divide the training program into a program that all modes could use. We concentrated on corridors where the largest volume of hazardous commodities flowed. To do that, computer programs to produce volume flow studies were developed and utilized.

Our first tour was in the Midwest and we learned the hard way how to use all the equipment and trainers in the most efficient manner. We trained hundreds of emergency responders. Each year, new ideas were developed and TRANSCAER® grew exponentially. Everyone wanted to "outclass" their competition by sponsoring the most training programs, reaching the most responders or having the newest training equipment. Soon, a web presence was developed. I can't deny the pride I felt watching the program grow.

Of course all this growth led to cooperation between the transporters and the producers. Heck, even the big associations that include TRANSCAER® members started citing TRANSCAER® examples and how they worked with their competitors to promote the safe production and shipment of millions of hazardous carloads/truckloads incident-free, all while providing the best community response training possible.

Even the federal government joined in -- they provided unique opportunities for training and sharing the TRANSCAER® message to the LEPC community. So TRANSCAER® brought a diverse group of stakeholders together to focus on TRANSCAER® objectives to help local communities and the LEPC (which was the main goal).

TRANSCAER® had continued to thrive and now has expert multi-modal training on very specialized products, such as chlorine, ethanol, TIH products, etc., and the benefits of TRANSCAER® are advertised better than ever via the website and other marketing channels. It's now very easy for communities to reach out and to request training.

TRANSCAER® has come to thousands of communities across millions of miles via roadways and railways. TRANSCAER® and its team members should be very proud of its efforts. But, I want to point out that all the training, planning, expense, corporate support -- everything that makes TRANSCAER® a success -- comes down to the very few in each company who dedicate their time,

sweat equity and treasure to TRANSCAER®.

TRANSCAER® is a small community of leaders and true believers, who plan, execute and deliver this superior product. There are not many of you,

but you do the work of many people. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your long hours and your belief and vision in the TRANSCAER® of today and tomorrow. ■



Responders learn about the intricacies of the UP SD70AH locomotive during a TRANSCAER® event in Sacramento, CA.  
Photo by Charlie Wright, Union Pacific Railroad (retired)



Kim Keeling of Union Pacific Railroad Discusses Tank Car Safety in Council Bluffs, Iowa.  
Photo By Charlie Wright, Union Pacific Railroad, (retired)

# THE TANK TRUCK INDUSTRY AND TRANSCAER®

## 30 Years of Promoting Safety

ARTICLE & PHOTOS BY JOHN L. CONLEY, National Tank Truck Carriers (Retired, 1989-2013)



The TRANSCAER® message was delivered at the 1999 Bulk Carrier Day in Edison, NJ by National Tank Truck Carrier's John Conley and Joe Stefanon from BASF.

**I**F THERE WERE AN AWARD FOR THE TRANSCAER® STORY, that award would surely go to the American Chemistry Council (ACC). The tank truck industry would join with the railroads and waterways to accept Best Supporting Actor Awards. Without ACC, there would be no TRANSCAER®; without the support of the various modes, TRANSCAER® would have never been a long-running classic.

Through National Tank Truck Carriers (NTTC), the tank truck industry has been part of TRANSCAER® since the beginning when Al Rosenbaum trekked down to "M" St. I became familiar with the upstart of TRANSCAER® as editor of Modern Bulk Transporter magazine and started attending meetings with NTTC in 1989.

I served on the National TRANSCAER® Task Group and remained active until I retired in 2013. Fritz Mead continues to represent NTTC and the tank truck industry as TRANSCAER® starts its fourth decade. Of course,

the real contributors have been the NTTC member companies who have served in leadership positions and who have participated in the local TRANSCAER® training efforts.

Many hours were spent during the early meetings while trying to determine what the TRANSCAER® mission was and how to best achieve it. These meetings were long and the rooms were full as several chemical companies, trucking companies, railroads and barge lines sent representatives who joined their Washington trade association representatives. Economic constraints over the years reduced the meeting attendance, but not the support for the program.

Among the early questions that came up as meeting attendees changed was, "Should TRANSCAER® be proactive and reach out to communities to educate them on hazardous materials transportation, help them plan, and to allay fears"? Or, "Should TRANSCAER® be

a resource to serve as the answer, usually following a mishap, if industry were asked what it was doing about hazardous materials transportation safety?" Following the 9/11 attacks, a security component was added to that question.

Clearly, the answer was that TRANSCAER® should be proactive in telling the story of how our shipper and carrier industries work together to achieve the goal that every load is delivered without incident every time. Likewise, we wanted to communicate that to prepare for those rare instances where there are problems industry is a resource before, during and after such events. TRANSCAER® was intended to and did help develop public confidence in industry's commitment to preparedness and safety.

An important ancillary benefit of involvement in developing, implementing and improving TRANSCAER® over the years was and has been that all involved in the process learned more about the other participants' industries, including challenges and resources. Always following the legal anti-trust statement provided courtesy of American Chemistry Council's Tom Schick, Don Evans or other legal beagles, representatives of shippers, consignees and carriers from all modes were able to openly discuss approaches to transportation safety and to communicating with various publics. I, for one, learned more about "flow studies" than I ever knew existed.

The tank truck industry did have an advantage in that much of what TRANSCAER® was trying to do on a national level, tank truck operators were already doing within their operating areas. While not all tank truck transportation is local, much of it is well under 500 miles. Tank truck carriers had long reached out to local emergency responders and educated them on the materials transported through their communities while providing training on the special equipment used to haul the hazardous materials.

"Don't meet for the first time at the scene of an incident" was an industry mantra. One of the challenges NTTC faced was to encourage our carriers to build on those efforts and to incorporate the TRANSCAER® message and logo in those efforts. Over time, many added the TRANSCAER® logo to their trailers and introduced the message to their communities.

Some of the most enjoyable and hopefully productive TRANSCAER® events were the Whistle Stop Tours. It was my pleasure to cross over into foreign territory and to ride the rails with Union Pacific Railroad from Texas to Louisiana, and on the Norfolk Southern lines in Virginia and



National Tank Truck Carrier members conducted Tank Truck 101 training sessions like this one on FRP trailers in Los Angeles throughout TRANSCAER®'s 30 year history.



Tank truck carriers have been very active in the TRANSCAER® training program over the years.

Photo courtesy of Bulk Sporter.



John Conley of NTTC and Neil Vorhees then with Trimac participating in a past TRANSCAER® training.

Tennessee. Fritz Mead of NTTC also took part in tours in Pennsylvania and other locations. During each stop, we helped schedule tank truck displays featuring a variety of tank truck equipment and safety specialists from NTTC member companies. People of all ages loved to look at and climb on the trucks.

Some larger carriers even arranged for tank trucks and personnel to follow the trains to various stops along the tour route. Actually, the trucks were of course always there on-time and well within the delivery window serving up coffee and doughnuts and waiting for those of us who took the train.

Matlack Inc. had a special training trailer that was taken to several tour sites to educate emergency responders, local officials and the local press on how tank trucks were designed to safely transport hazardous materials. Matlack's Bob Bennett served as the National Chairman for TRANSCAER® from 1994-95.

Tank truck carriers do not have the significant local footprint of manufacturing companies

and were not often the primary initiator of large TRANSCAER® events. Those are often multi-modal in nature. However, local tank companies across the country were on-hand at any TRANSCAER® event hosted by chemical companies and other hazardous materials manufacturers. Again, they have played an important supporting role in spreading the larger industry message in addition to their targeted local communications.

One constant throughout my involvement in TRANSCAER® was the outstanding service of Chemical Manufacturing Association and American Chemistry Council staff from Alma Howard to Donna Lepik. They were the consistent real driving force behind the implementation and success of TRANSCAER®. I often commented to Randy Speight that I admired his and ACC's ability to consistently attract such dedicated people to manage TRANSCAER®.

TRANSCAER® has been a success in no small part because of the efforts of tank truck carriers who have made people and equipment available to improve



**“Don't meet for the first time at the scene of an incident”**

**Industry Mantra**

transportation safety and to educate the public about industry's efforts to provide essential materials without disruption to their communities. I am proud that National Tank Truck Carriers has been the trucking industry's primary representative in this effort. ■



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# 2015 NATIONAL TRANSCAER® AWARDS PROGRAM

## ... AND THE AWARDS GO TO

★ **Distinguished Service Award Recipient**  
**RAY BEAUDRY, DUPONT (RETIRED)**

★ **Chairman's Award Recipient**  
**AMY REZMER, DOW CHEMICAL (RETIRED)**

Here are the National Achievement Recipients for 2015

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| ★ <b>BNSF RAILWAY</b>                                      | ★ <b>NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION</b> |
| ★ <b>CN DG TEAM/CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY</b>              | ★ <b>RENEWABLE FUELS ASSOCIATION</b>  |
| ★ <b>CANADIAN PACIFIC</b>                                  | ★ <b>TANNER INDUSTRIES, INC.</b>      |
| ★ <b>CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TRACTION COMPANY/ DAVE BUCCOLO</b> | ★ <b>THE CHLORINE INSTITUTE</b>       |
| ★ <b>CSX TRANSPORTATION</b>                                | ★ <b>THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY</b>     |
| ★ <b>DANA TRANSPORT INC.</b>                               | ★ <b>UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD</b>       |

★ **Regional Achievement for 2015:**  
**KCS RAILWAY**

There were 81 Individual Achievement awards and 41 Certificates of Appreciation awards.

The National TRANSCAER® Sponsors include: American Chemistry Council, American Petroleum Institute, CHEMTREC®, Association of American Railroads, Renewable Fuels Association, The Chlorine Institute and The Fertilizer Institute.



March 14, 2016

Dear Ray,

On behalf of the National TRANSCAER® Task Group and the Executive Committee, I want to congratulate you on being recognized with the TRANSCAER® Distinguished Service Award. You have been a huge contributor to the TRANSCAER® Program since its earliest days. You were one of the early pioneers. Your efforts have had a tremendous impact in preparing first responders around the world. This impact will reach far into the future because not only did you help execute the program but you were instrumental in developing the infrastructure, which will sustain it.

You are one of only a very few who have been so honored. Looking at your contribution and watching the tributes in the video you will be receiving, it is clear that you are well deserving of this recognition. For me, it is an honor to have served on the National TRANSCAER® Task Group during a small part of your tenure.

On behalf of the National TRANSCAER® Task Group, The Chlorine Institute and all our members, I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your long term efforts to prepare our communities to effectively deal with hazmat transportation emergencies. Our program is stronger and more effective because of your contribution of time, expertise and energy.

Sincerely,

*Frank Reiner*

Frank Reiner  
President, The Chlorine Institute  
Chairman, National TRANSCAER® Task Group

Current & Past - National TRANSCAER® Task Group Chairs - Frank Reiner, The Chlorine Institute (current); Ray Beaudry, DuPont (Retired); Bill Macready, (TRANSCAER® Distinguished Service Award Recipient) NewCentury (Retired)

## 2015 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

## RAYMOND "RAY" P. BEAUDRY

★ Director - Global Emergency Preparedness, Planning, Training and Response, E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Company Inc.

- Began with DuPont in June 1991 & Retired from DuPont on December 31, 2012

★ Independent Consultant for DuPont Safety Resources

- June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2015
- Oversaw DuPont's Global Emergency Preparedness, Planning, Training and Response Programs

★ Manager Distribution Safety & Emergency Response, DuPont Canada Inc.

- June 1972 - June 1991 (19 years 1 month)

**I**N HIS ROLE, RAY MANAGED DUPONT'S GLOBAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,

planning, training & response program pertaining to chemical emergencies and natural disasters. In addition, he provided consultation to various national and international governmental agencies as well as external companies on emergency preparedness, planning, training and response. He also developed and implemented Distribution Safety Policies, Best Practices, Audit Protocol for DuPont Canada and the Canadian Chemical Producers Association (CCPA).

He was a member of the National TRANSCAER® Task Group. Ray was also the Chair of American Chemistry Council's TRANSCAER® and CHEMTREC® emergency response committees. He chaired the American Chemistry Council committee on International Emergency Response. In 2001, he was appointed to the Governor's Council on Americans with Disabilities.

Prior to relocating in 1991 to the United States, Ray worked for DuPont Canada Inc. where he co-authored the CCPA Responsible Care® program, Motor Carrier Safety Assessment Audit, Warehouse Audit Protocols and standard on the trans-border movement emergency response teams & equipment between Canada, Mexico and the U.S. under the North American Free Trade Act.

Since joining DuPont in 1972, Ray held various positions in manufacturing, marketing, sales, finance, distribution, safety and security.

Ray holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Montreal - Loyola College, Masters in Business Administration from Villanova, Philadelphia and a Doctorate Degree from National Yunlin University of Science and Technology in Emergency Preparedness.

Congratulations Ray! Thank you for your dedication and your spirit to care so much about safety and the response community.

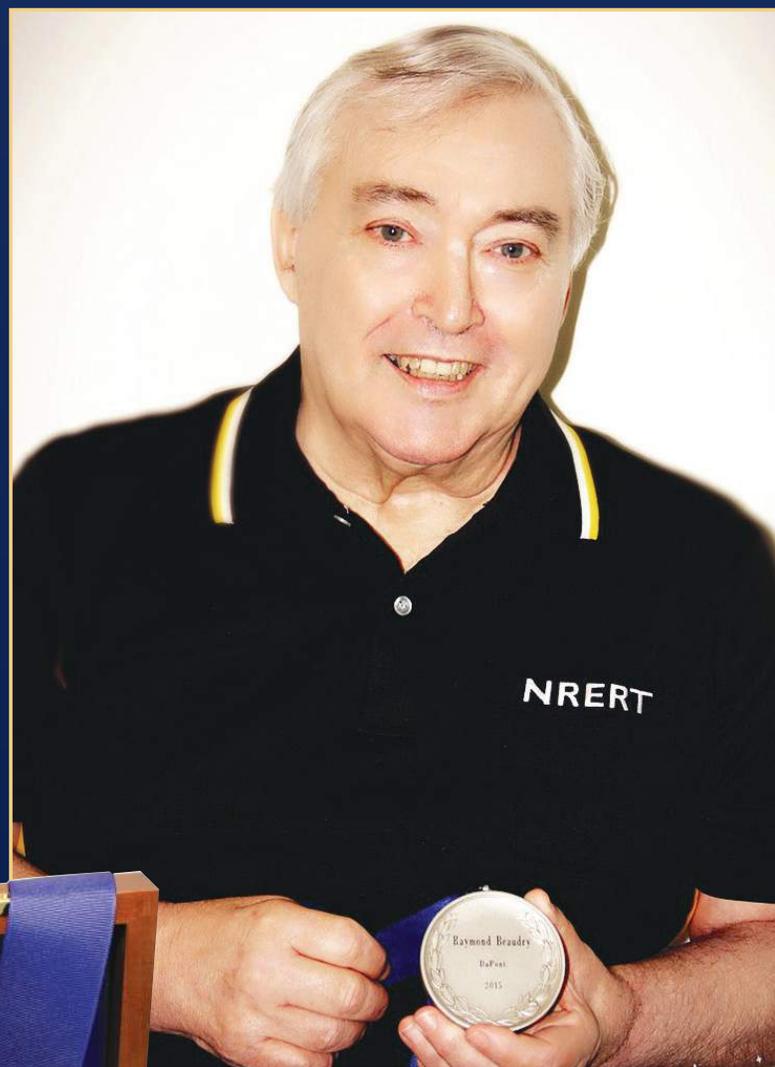


Photo By Josh Lee & Nick Shen, Taiwan North Emergency Response Team, Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI).



**“Your efforts have had a tremendous impact in preparing first responders across the United States.”**

Frank Reiner, Chairman of National TRANSCAER® Task Group.

## 2015 CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

## AMY REZMER

DOW CHEMICAL (RETIRED)

TRANSCAER® ENGAGEMENT 2008 TO 2015



*TRANSCAER®'s National Task Group Chairman Frank Reiner congratulating Amy Rezmer of Dow with her TRANSCAER® Chairman's Award last December in Midland, MI.*



*Amy Rezmer, Dow Chemical, TRANSCAER® Team Member - 2008-2015*

**A**MY REZMER DEDICATED HER professional career at Dow Chemical in Midland, MI finishing up in the Public Affairs Division supporting the Dow TRANSCAER® Team after 25 plus years of service.

Before retiring in December 2015, Amy supported a number of Dow Business Units and functions and in 2008 she passionately became engaged in assisting the national Dow TRANSCAER® Team by enhancing and supporting their strategic communications planning, community outreach and stakeholder engagement programs, which ultimately amplified the Dow Team's stakeholder involvement nationwide.

During Amy's first five years of her TRANSCAER® involvement, she was traveling on the road from training site to training site with the Dow TRANSCAER® Team delivering high quality, collaborative training coast-to-coast.

While working with the TRANSCAER® Team, Amy also provided boots-on-the-ground public affairs support, as well as, actively promoting events nationwide, developing outreach materials (including press releases, events flyers and other critical promotional materials). She scheduled events, coordinated registrations, prepared and dispensed training certificates, secured and prepared outreach material packages, as well as, assisted in coordinating and preparing site logistics planning for set up and tear down.

According to Rollie Shook, Dow's global associate director of Emergency Services and National TRANSCAER® Task Group at-Large Member, "Amy Rezmer was the glue which pulled all of the many moving parts together for so many successful Dow TRANSCAER® training tours across our great nation."

Congratulations Amy on receiving the 2015 TRANSCAER® Chairman's Award. You are a total Rock Star! Thank you for being such an instrumental part of the TRANSCAER® Team by helping to prepare our communities and our responders to respond to possible hazardous materials transportation incidents.

We hope Amy is enjoying her retirement and playing lots of golf these days. Stay well. ■

# 2015 TRANSCAER® NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

## ★ BNSF RAILWAY



BNSF Railway's Clay Reid, Director, Hazardous Materials Safety and John Lovenburg, VP Environmental

## ★ CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY



Canadian Pacific Railway's Jim Kozey, Director Hazmat Programs & Glen Wilson, AVP Environmental

## ★ CN



CN's Anthony Ippolito and Jim Schwichtenberg CN Director of Safety and Regulation

## ★ CENTRAL CA TRACTION CO.



Central California Traction Company's Dave Bucculo

## ★ DANA TRANSPORT, INC.



Dana Transport, Inc.'s Jon Cragg and Gene Patten

## ★ CSX TRANSPORTATION\*

## ★ NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP.\*

## ★ THE CHLORINE INSTITUTE\*

## ★ UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD\*

## 2015 TRANSCAER® REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

## ★ KCS RAILWAY\*

\*Not Pictured

## 2015 TRANSCAER® NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### ★ DOW CHEMICAL

Dow's Global Emergency Services and Security Leaders and Midland Dow TRANSCAER® Instructors and supporters. (from L to R) Amy Smith, Ashley Smith, Nathan Owen, Luke Strong, Rollie Shook, Peter Holicki, David Binder (TRANSCAER®), Brian Solomon, Tim Scott, Chris Lewicki, Ryan Gwizdala and Pete Kirk.



Dow's Peter Holicki and TRANSCAER's David Binder



Dow's Rollie Shook, Corporate Sr. VP, Peter Holicki, TRANSCAER's David Binder of Tanner Industries, Inc. and Tim Scott, Dow Chemical.

Photos courtesy of Dow

### ★ RENEWABLE FUELS ASSOCIATION



RFA's Bob Dinneen, President and CEO, and Frank Reiner, Chairman, National TRANSCAER® Task Group

## NATIONAL TRANSCAER® AWARD

### ★ TANNER INDUSTRIES, INC.



Tanner Industries, Inc.'s David Binder, Director of Quality, Safety and Regulatory Affairs receives award

## THE TRANSCAER® AWARDS PROGRAM

The TRANSCAER® awards program is designed to:

- ★ Recognize the achievements of individuals, companies, and organizations which 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.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** about the TRANSCAER® Awards Program visit [TRANSCAER® Awards](#).



# TRANSCAER® CELEBRATES 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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# GET YOUR COMMEMORATIVE CHALLENGE COIN TODAY!

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In honor of TRANSCAER®'s 30th Anniversary Celebration, the National TRANSCAER® Task Group Executive Committee is pleased to offer for purchase a small token of appreciation highlighting the commitment, dedication and support of our unique nationwide volunteer outreach effort focusing on preparing communities for possible hazardous materials transportation incidents.

A limited supply of our 30th Anniversary Commemorative TRANSCAER® Challenge Coins is now available for purchase for only \$4.00 each plus shipping, handling and taxes. Each shipment has a minimal shipping fee of \$9.95 and a \$5.00 handling fee per order. At cost shipping rates will be

applied at the time of purchase along with sales tax, where required.

Help us celebrate our 30th Anniversary by getting your limited commemorative TRANSCAER® coins shipped directly to you today. ■

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**TO PURCHASE YOUR COINS, VISIT THE AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL STORE:**

[https://store.americanchemistry.com/  
TRANSCAER-Commemorative-Challenge-Coin](https://store.americanchemistry.com/TRANSCAER-Commemorative-Challenge-Coin)

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*Ribbon cutting for the new Norfolk Southern HazMat Safety Train – excited about new TRANSCAER® training opportunities.*

# NORFOLK SOUTHERN ROLLS OUT NEW SAFETY TRAIN TO EDUCATE FIRST RESPONDERS

ARTICLE BY DAVE SCHOENDORFER, NS  
Photos by Casey Thomason, NS

**I**N KEEPING WITH A STRONG TRADITION OF safety, on April 22, 2016 Norfolk Southern (NS) rolled out the new NS HazMat Safety Train in Altoona, PA to help first responders across its network respond to potential rail-related incidents. Norfolk Southern has been providing safety training for emergency responders through community outreach programs such as

TRANSCAER® for years. The brand new safety train, with a dedicated locomotive, specially equipped classroom box cars, and several tank cars for additional hands-on training will strengthen relationships with local first responders by providing classroom, web-based, and field training on hazardous materials transportation, as well as information about rail operations.

"The NS hazmat safety train is like a rolling classroom, delivering hands-on training directly to emergency responders in communities along our rail lines," said David Schoendorfer, Norfolk Southern system manager hazardous materials. "We are committed to moving these materials as safely and efficiently as possible, and building partnerships with emergency first responders as

# CHEMTREC® WELCOMES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE



John O'Neill, standing by the plaque inside the NS 490111 training car which was dedicated to him by Norfolk Southern.



NS Regional Manager Paul Williams conducting TRANSCAER® training class in Altoona, PA

part of our TRANSCAER® initiative is a vital part of operating a safe rail network."

Attending the kickoff and ribbon cutting were U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster; Richard Flinn Jr., director of Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; and Frank Reiner, president of the Chlorine Institute and chairman of the National TRANSCAER® Task Group.

During the ceremony, Norfolk Southern received its 16th National TRANSCAER® Achievement Award. The TRANSCAER® award recognizes exceptional achievement in support of voluntary efforts by companies to help communities prepare for and safely respond to incidents involving transport of hazardous materials. Last year, Norfolk Southern provided training for 4,792 emergency responders, government officials, members of the media, and others in 18 states.

The NS 490111 training box car was dedicated to John O'Neill, founder, president and CEO of the Firefighters Education and Training Foundation for his outstanding contribution to TRANSCAER® and recognition of his passion over many years to train emergency responders.

The car was immediately put into service as Altoona area emergency responders attended training the following Saturday morning.



**JOHN D. MODINE**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE, CHEMTREC®

**T**HE AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL (ACC) IS PLEASED TO announce the appointment of John D. Modine as Chief Executive for its CHEMTREC® Division.

Modine joined the team this July and comes to CHEMTREC® with over 20 years with the American Petroleum Institute (API), where he acted most recently as Advisor to the President and CEO and previously as Vice President of Global Industry Services; responsible for API's certification, safety, training, events and publications programs.

"We are excited to have John join the CHEMTREC® team," said Raymond J. O'Bryan, CFO and Chief Administrative Officer, American Chemistry Council. "John's extensive background in managing safety, training and certification programs, along with his seasoned management and leadership skills will help to ensure that CHEMTREC® remains the gold-standard in providing emergency service information to the response community and other valuable stakeholders, as we expand our services and continue to add value for our customers."

CHEMTREC® is the definitive information resource and solutions provider for hazardous materials and dangerous goods response and is a round-the-clock resource for obtaining immediate critical response information for incidents involving hazardous materials and dangerous goods. CHEMTREC® is linked to the largest network of chemical and hazardous material experts in the world, including chemical and response specialists, public emergency services and private contractors.

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# NTTG MEETS & TOURS TEEX

Photos By John Burge, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service & Donna L. Lepik, American Chemistry Council/TRANSCAER®

Members of the National TRANSCAER® Task Group (NTTG) held their summer quarterly meeting and tour on June 1, 2016 at TEEX in College Station, TX. Here's a sneak peek of the tour Mike Wisby, associate division director, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, provided. THANKS MIKE for the warm Texas hospitality.



Pictures from top to bottom: Members of the National TRANSCAER® Task Group (L to R): Keith Silverman, Ashland; Paul Duckworth, Potash; Andy Elkins, Association of American Railroads; Dave Druckenbroad, Ashland; Derek Lampkin, BNSF Railway; Frank Reiner, The Chlorine Institute; Rollie Shook, DOW Chemical; Donna Lepik, American Chemistry Council/TRANSCAER®; Damien Guy, Union Pacific Railroad; JR Gelnar, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Administration; Bob Titter, Ashland; Bill Offerman; National Volunteer Fire Council.

The TEEX Tour Continues – (L to R) Dr. Katie Turnbull, Texas Transportation Institute (Guest); Keith Silverman, Ashland; Bill Offerman; National Volunteer Fire Council; JR Gelnar, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Administration; Dave Druckenbroad, Ashland; Andy Elkins, Association of American Railroads; Bob Titter, Ashland; Mike Wisby, TEEX; Ed Chapman, BNSF Railway/Retired.

# Meet Our Team

## TRANSCAER® Team Members



**JOE CACCAMO**

**MANAGER OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**  
CSX TRANSPORTATION  
[joseph\\_caccamo@csx.com](mailto:joseph_caccamo@csx.com)

### CO-STATE COORDINATOR FOR INDIANA

Joe was born and raised in New Jersey up until being hired by CSX Transportation in 2011. He now resides in a Cincinnati, OH with his wife Stephanie and two young children. Joe enjoys fishing, jet skiing, boating and taking part in numerous outdoor recreational activities with his family.

He graduated from Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in May of 2001 with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies. He began his career at React Environmental Services based out of Philadelphia, PA where he worked until being employed by CSX. He worked his way up from an entry-level Environmental Technician to a seasoned Project Manager and Hazardous Material Specialist.

He has managed and worked on many types of hazardous material responses, environmental cleanups and large-scale remediation projects throughout his career. He managed underground storage tank removals, hazardous and non-hazardous commodity transfers including acids and flammable compressed gases, repairs of non-conforming DOT tank cars and he has been involved in transportation accident response in multiple scenarios. He has also taught first responders railroad and tank car awareness and led hands-on exercises explaining tank car components and techniques in emergency response situations.

Throughout his five year career at CSX, he has managed many responses throughout the Midwest region including Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Indiana. He has built a solid reputation in the past fifteen years to his peers, regulators, clients and many others involved in this specialized industry. He looks forward to continuing his hard work ethic and desire to learn and teach others as the TRANSCAER® Co-Coordinator for Indiana. ■



**RICHARD (DICK) WAGNER**

**OPERATIONS MANAGER**  
ASHLAND SPECIALTY INGREDIENTS  
[RWWagner@ashland.com](mailto:RWWagner@ashland.com)

### CO-STATE COORDINATOR FOR ILLINOIS

Dick is currently the Operations Manager at Ashland Inc. Calumet City, IL facility. His current responsibilities include maintaining compliance in all aspects of the operation including safety, environmental, and Responsible Care. Dick previously worked for Koppers Inc. as Plant Manager of their Stickney, IL Plant and has over 30 years of hands-on experience working in the chemical industry. His experience includes overall plant operations and working with regulatory agencies to insure compliance in transportation, safety, environmental and security. He has been involved in industry groups and has been a long term member of the Chemical Industry Council of Illinois. He has also served on the Morton College Foundation Board as well as volunteering with many local youth organizations. Dick has a Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. ■

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LIST OF OUR 2016  
NATIONAL TRANSCAER®  
TASK GROUP**

# Chlorine Emergency Response Webinar



## Webinar Objectives:

- ◆ Introduce TRANSCAER®, the Chlorine Institute and CHLOREP®
- ◆ Provide an overview of the chemical properties, uses and hazards of chlorine
- ◆ Provide an understanding of how chlorine properties will affect emergency response, including exposure treatment and security concerns
- ◆ Provide an overview of chlorine emergency response methods
- ◆ Provide an overview of the resources available to first responders in an emergency

## Who should attend

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the emergency response to a chlorine release, emergency responders, firefighters, EMTs, law enforcement officers, Local Emergency Planning Committees, emergency management professionals, and HAZMAT management professionals.

## Where

Online via WebEx

## Date and Time

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|--|-----------------|
| <a href="#">Wednesday, August 17</a>   | 11:00am Eastern |
| <a href="#">Thursday, September 22</a> | 11:00am Eastern |

The Chlorine Institute offers free online chlorine emergency response training through a series of 90-minute webinars.

These interactive webinars are designed to provide general awareness-level training for first responders and emergency managers.

*All webinar participants receive a certificate following the completion of the webinar!*

Read about our other **Emergency Response Training & Outreach Events** at

<http://www.chlorineinstitute.org/emergency-preparedness/er-training-outreach/>

## Register

Participants must register in order to receive the login information. Please click on one of the dates above to register or visit the National TRANSCAER® website at [www.transcaer.com/events](http://www.transcaer.com/events)

## Additional Information

For additional information or for questions regarding registration please contact RaeAna Eiley at The Chlorine Institute (703) 894-4117 or [reiley@cl2.com](mailto:reiley@cl2.com)

## TRANSCAER® MEMBERS TEAM TO TRAIN NORTH DAKOTA FIREFIGHTERS

BY DEREK LAMPKIN, BNSF Railway  
Photos by Matt Richardson, Pinnacle Engineering

**B**NSF RAILWAY AND CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY (CP) TEAMED up to provide TRANSCAER® rail training February 26-27, 2016 for responders during the North Dakota Firefighter's Association's Annual State Fire School in Minot, ND.

BNSF Railway's Derek Lampkin and Paul Hester and Ed Dankbar of CP Railway, taught two sessions at the North Dakota State Fire School to responders from various departments throughout North Dakota. The students received an overview of how to respond to a hazardous materials incident from a railroad perspective. Emphasis was placed on how to read a train list/ consist and to identify information that can be gathered from the placards and reporting marks on railcars. The interactive class also focused on firefighting considerations for a railroad incident. The session also included a question and answers session.

Responders also received hands-on training during the two training sessions. Several tank car props along with the BNSF Fire Trailer were available for the training. The North Dakota Firefighters were given a hands-on overview of how the BNSF Fire Trailer operates and is utilized in an emergency response situation. Students were shown the equipment that is included in each fire trailer and the proper use and setup of the trailer.

In addition to the trailer, several tank car protective housings were provided for the hands-on training portion. Students took turns at three different stations learning about various tank car valves, fittings and configurations for both general service and high pressure tank cars. The students were also instructed on mitigation techniques involving the tank car props.

BNSF Railway and CP Railway would like to extend a warm thank you to all of the students, the North Dakota Firefighter's Association, Renee Loh and Rob Knuth for allowing each railroad company to participate in the North Dakota State Fire School. ■



From top to bottom: Ed Dankbar of CP provides an overview of railroad firefighting equipment; Paul Hester of BNSF explains as to some of the common causes of unintentional releases; North Dakota Emergency Responders Class Participants; Derek Lampkin of BNSF explains tank car fittings.

# TIGER'S OUT - NO APRIL FOOLS'

Photos by David Binder,  
Tanner Industries, Inc.



*Entry Teams Getting Ready*

**T**RANSCAER® AND TANNER INDUSTRIES, INC. did a full day of training on emergency response to Anhydrous Ammonia, including live release drills, at the 9th Annual Delaware State Hazardous Materials Training Workshop on April 1, 2016 during the Delaware State Fire School in Dover, DE.

David Binder, Director of Quality, Safety and Regulatory Affairs for Tanner Industries, Inc. and Vice Chair of the National TRANSCAER® Task Group facilitated the full day class.

The morning consisted of classroom instruction on ammonia properties, transportation containers, types of releases, real life cloud modeling and tactics for control and containment from both offensive and defensive approaches.

Then it was out to the academy drill field for hands-on training with cargo trailers provided by Tanner Industries, Inc.

Live anhydrous ammonia release drills followed with response team members practicing a tarp and cover control and containment method for suppressing ammonia releases. A liquid ammonia line was opened up, letting the "tiger out" and hazardous material response personnel attending the session tarped over the release point to control and contain the leak. Jon Riggs from the Philadelphia Fire Department HazMat Task Force assisted with the training delivery and also suited up and handled initiating the releases.

Approximately 30 students went through the training which was the

class maximum for this full day of training. David Irwin Jr., a Commissioner of the Delaware SERC and Chairman of the New Castle County LEPC was instrumental in coordinating TRANSCAER® and Tanner's participation. David and George Giles, who also supported the Hazmat Workshop, also serve as TRANSCAER® State Coordinators for Delaware and both have provided their superior efforts and expertise in helping to train and prepare responders. Class evaluation and survey results showed outstanding evaluations for this valuable training in regards to instruction, content and the hands-on live release drills. ■



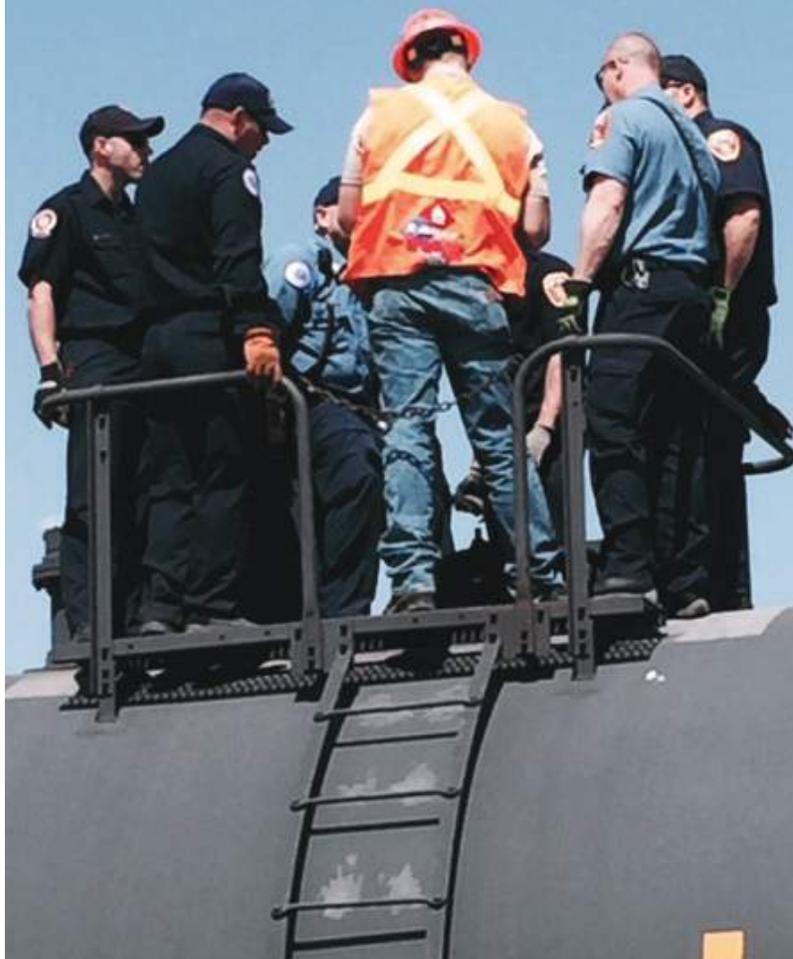
Filmstrip from left to right:  
*Entry Team "Tarping" Ammonia Leak; "Tiger" About To Be Contained; Entry Team Approaches Ammonia Release; Entry Team Approaches Ammonia Release*

# BNSF RAILWAY HOSTS 15 TRANSCAER® TRAININGS IN MAY

BY DEREK LAMPKIN, BNSF Railway  
 Photos Courtesy of BNSF Railway

**T**HE TRANSCAER® TEAM AT BNSF RAILWAY HOSTED A RECORD 15 TRANSCAER® training sessions during the month of May throughout their territories as part of the TRANSCAER® 30th Anniversary Celebration. Thanks BNSF for your commitment to preparing communities and responders to be prepared to respond to possible transportation hazardous materials incidents.

Photos show BNSF's Derek Lampkin, Manager Hazardous Materials, Field Operations and Emergency Response providing TRANSCAER® rail training for Sioux Falls, SD Fire Department responders. ■



*Carlos Juarez explaining how the dome lids work and how secure them in case of a rollover.*

## CHARLOTTE FIRE GET HANDS ON

Photos by David Hood, Coraluzzo/Torrissi Transport

Carlos Juarez, terminal manager at Coraluzzo/Torrissi Transport and Bob Baxter, SWS Environmental Services hosted tank truck TRANSCAER® training last fall for more than 30 Charlotte, NC Fire Department responders in Mecklenburg County. ■



*Carlos Juarez describing the different parts on a tanker trailer and how they work.*

# TAMING THE TIGER – MARDI GRAS STYLE

Photos by David Binder, Tanner Industries, Inc.

**A** COUPLE MONTHS AFTER THE WELL-KNOWN Mardi Gras in New Orleans, the action was hot again in Zachary, LA at the Joint Emergency Services Training Center (JESTC) with live action and live release drills with anhydrous ammonia. TRANSCAER® and Tanner Industries, Inc. did two full days of training on emergency response to Anhydrous Ammonia, including live release drills each day on April 5 & 6, 2016.

David Binder, director of quality, safety and regulatory affairs for Tanner Industries, Inc. and Vice Chair of the National TRANSCAER® Task Group, and John Narkin, Captain, Philadelphia Fire Department, facilitated the full day classes.

There were expanded classroom sessions each morning and then it was out to the massive drill field for hands-on training with cargo trailers that were provided by Tanner Industries, Inc. Live anhydrous ammonia release drills followed that with response team members practicing a tarp and cover control and containment method for suppressing ammonia releases. A liquid ammonia

line was opened up, letting the “tiger out” and hazardous material response team entry members tarped over the release point while also covering some of the tank. This year’s live agent ammonia drills involved a tank vessel crack in the side of the container. Defensive control was also practiced using water downwind of the release to knock down the ammonia vapors.

Personnel from various sectors attended included first in fire departments, EMS, hazardous materials response teams, Louisiana State Police and hazmat, regulatory agencies, industry personnel, law enforcement and many others.

Richard Browning, Louisiana State Police Training Services, was the JESTC site coordinator for the program. He did an excellent job and incorporated the ammonia classes to be part of the Baton Rouge Area Mutual Aid System (BRAMAS) HazMat School which ran the week of April 4, 2016. This program, which included the full-day ammonia classes and live ammonia release training, was a huge success on all fronts. ■



From top to bottom: Live Anhydrous Ammonia Training; Entry Teams Getting Ready to Tame The Tiger); Entry Team Prepares to Tarp & Cover Ammonia Release; Ammonia Release Controlled and Contained.

# TRANSCAER® RAIL SAFETY & HAZMAT EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING COMES TO MISSISSIPPI

ARTICLE & PHOTOS BY BILL BURKE, Chemours

**EMERGENCY RESPONDERS FROM THE** Pascagoula, MS area were the recipients of a TRANSCAER® Rail Safety and HAZMAT Emergency Response training course sponsored by The Chlorine Institute and hosted by Mississippi Export Railroad on April 5-7, 2016 in Moss Point, MS.

Participants were able take advantage of classroom sessions covering Railroad Operations, hazards, safety, and emergency response procedures as well as chemical and physical properties of Chlorine and Hydrogen Chloride.

In addition, actual field workshops were conducted utilizing the Chlorine A, B, and C capping kits along with the Midland ERK. Students

rotated through each of the stations applying the containment devices to mock-up units of each type of container. The sessions concluded with the students responding to mock scenarios designed to allow them to utilize the skills they had just acquired.

Instructional activities for the two-day event were provided by:

- Trent Page – CSX Transportation
- James Ward – HEPACO
- Chris Baxter – Olin
- Tigran Armstrong – Allied
- Daniel Miles – Harcross Chemical
- Charles Haddock – Harcross Chemical
- Jennifer Barnett – Olin
- Roar Broch – Midland Manufacturing
- Bill Burke – Chemours
- Henry Ward – Chlorine Institute



Clockwise from top: Trent Page (CSX) outlines the requirements for safety in the rail yard. At the same time students on top of the Chlorine Institute training car learning about tank car valves; Trent Page of CSX explains the difference between low pressure and high pressure tank cars; Jennifer Barnett (Olin) and Trent Page (CSX) explain the running gear and valve arrangements on the Training Tank car; Roar Broch provides instruction on the use of the Midland Tank Car Capping Kit.



**PENSACOLA, FL  
SAFETY TRAIN  
TRANSCAER® EVENT**

**107**

**First Responders  
Trained from**

**17**

**Different Agencies**

**5**

**Classes Held**

**TALLAHASSEE, FL  
SAFETY TRAIN  
TRANSCAER® EVENT**

**72**

**First Responders  
Trained from**

**8**

**Different Agencies**

**3**

**Classes Held**

# CSX HAZMAT SAFETY TRAIN TOURS HIT PENSACOLA & TALLAHASSEE

Photos by: Stephen Curlee, CSX Manager of Community Affairs and Safety



**📍 LOCATION:** Tallahassee, FL CSX Rail Yard  
**WHO:** CSX Hazmat Manager Trent Page,  
CSX Hazmat Manager Brooke Martinhsasa

First responders from Tallahassee Fire Dept, Leon County Sheriff's Office, Tallahassee Police, Leon County EMS, Florida Division of Emergency Management, Madison County Emergency Management, Leon County Emergency Management, and Talquin Energy Safety Team.

CSX Transportation's Hazardous Materials Systems team put on a Hazmat Safety Training event in Tallahassee, FL where first responders from the region received hands on hazardous materials response and rail emergency response training.

**📍 LOCATION:** Tallahassee, FL CSX Rail Yard  
**WHO:** CSX Hazmat Manager Trent Page

First responders from Tallahassee Fire Dept, Leon County Sheriff's Office, Tallahassee Police, Leon County EMS, Florida Division of Emergency Management, Madison County Emergency Management, Leon County Emergency Management



**📍 LOCATION:** Tallahassee, FL CSX Rail Yard  
**WHO:** CSX Hazmat Manager Trent Page, CSX Hazmat Manager Brooke Martin

First responders from Tallahassee Fire Dept, Leon County EMS, Thomas County, GA Fire and Rescue, Florida Department of Transportation Rail Coordinator, and Woodville Volunteer Fire Dept



**📍 LOCATION:** Tallahassee, FL CSX Rail Yard  
**WHO:** CSX Hazmat Manager Trent Page

First responders from Tallahassee Fire Dept, Tallahassee Police, Leon County EMS, Florida Dept of Environmental Protection



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# NS TRANSCAER® HOLDS SHEFFIELD TABLETOP EXERCISE

ARTICLE BY ROBERT WOOD, NS



*Sheffield Yard used in the NS tabletop exercise courtesy of Google Earth.*

**O**N APRIL 20TH 2016 THE HUMP YARD AT SHEFFIELD WAS BUSY classifying a group of cars. At 08:45 the yard experienced a power failure and brown out from the local power station.

At the same time a tank car carrying a full load of chlorine, was proceeding down the hump. The power outage disabled the main retarder. Before emergency backup power (battery or generator) could be fully restored the car proceeded down the hump without any speed controls and reached speeds in excess of 20mph. As the chlorine car entered the class tracks it collided with another tank car loaded with sodium hydroxide solution that had not reached a clearing point.

During the collision the couplers became misaligned and subsequently derailed the chlorine car. As the chlorine car rolled onto its side it severely damaged the protective housing. A yellow-green vapor cloud could be seen releasing from the protective housing area and blowing to the north-northeast. The sodium hydroxide car was derailed upright and had a large dent in the jacket and tank head from the coupler on the chlorine car.

This was scenario presented to first responders and Norfolk Southern personnel. Thankfully this was not a real event but a TRANSCAER® tabletop exercise hosted by Colbert County EMA and Norfolk Southern. The exercise included participants from law enforcement, fire service, hazardous material teams as well as emergency management personnel. Norfolk Southern is

committed to public safety through collaborative partnerships that will help prepare our members and first responders to respond to any emergency.

The key objectives of the exercise were:

- Validate coordination and communications capabilities between NS and first responders during a Hazardous Material incident.
- Verify policies and procedures within the Emergency Response Plan & Yard Evacuation Plans for responding to hazardous materials incidents.
- Identify the overall strengths and weaknesses of hazardous materials response plans.
- Discuss the understanding and implementation of emergency activities using the Incident Command System (ICS).
- Identify appropriate actions to protect emergency workers and the public.
- Coordinate and disseminate timely and accurate information to the media, public and up the organization chain.

Norfolk Southern personnel see this TRANSCAER® exercise as another step in strengthening the working relationships between Norfolk Southern and all the dedicated first responders from Colbert County. ■

# GATX CORPORATION HOSTED RAILCAR SAFETY TRAINING AND TANKTRAINER™ TOURS AT UNION STATION IN WASHINGTON DC

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS COURTESY OF LISA OTTENSMEYER, GATX



Training session classroom - Local DC first responders attend a GATX TankTrainer™ training session.

**GATX CORPORATION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AMTRAK AND THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON** Council of Governments, hosted TRANSCAER® railcar safety training sessions using its TankTrainer™ and Classroom Boxcar at Union Station in Washington DC from April 12-15. During the four-day event, GATX provided tank car training to more than 100 first responders and Amtrak employees. In addition, members of the U.S. Congress and their staffs, and many others from across the rail industry toured the TankTrainer™ and received information on tank car safety from GATX's training team.

GATX Corporation is committed to safety and environmental responsibility. Providing hands-on training in the proper use and handling of railcars for customers, rail industry participants, and first responders is one way GATX addresses this commitment. GATX's TankTrainer™ is a 33,500-gallon tank car outfitted with a variety of fittings, coatings and configurations that provides trainees with the opportunity to access both the interior and exterior of a railcar for a hands-on experience.

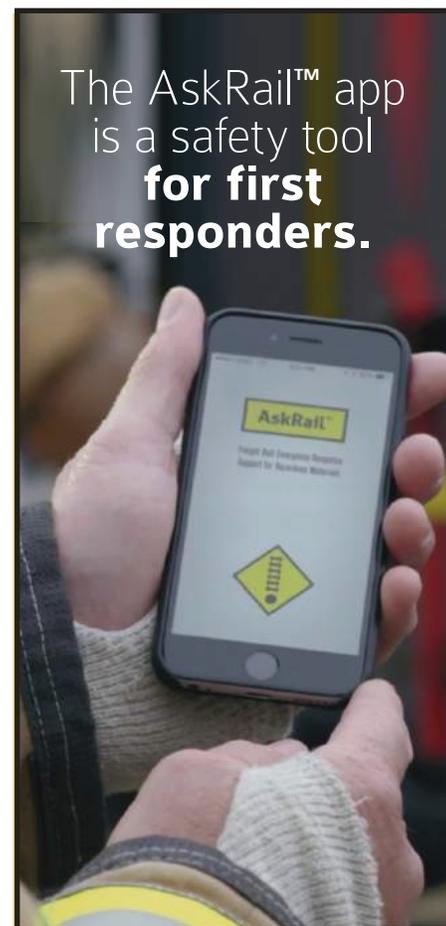
The Classroom Boxcar is a training room for instruction provided by experienced GATX personnel. "We were pleased to bring the GATX TankTrainer™ to Washington DC," said Brian Kenney, president



Training session outside - Participants get hands on experience with the various tank car fittings and configurations.

and chief executive officer of GATX Corporation. "We have offered the TankTrainer™ program since 1993, providing a unique learning experience to more than 21,000 first responders, customers, rail industry participants, and employees. This is one of the many ways we strive to continually improve the safe operation of our railcars."

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The team takes a quick break for a photo opportunity during the Ashland plant review. Photo by Wes Woldt, Plastics Color Corporation

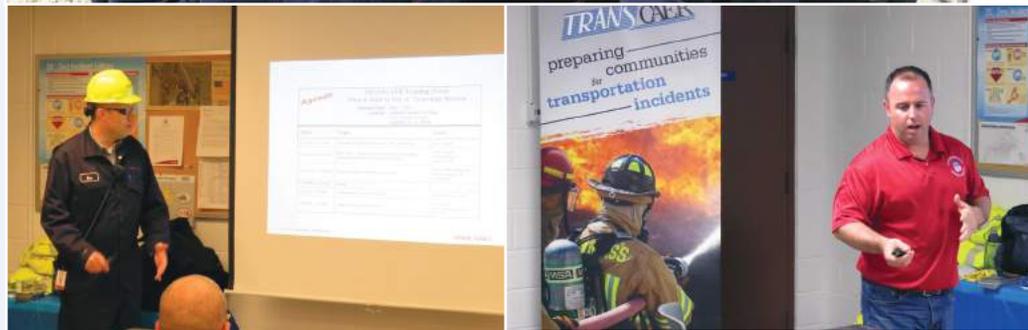
## TRANSCAER®'S ASHLAND, HONEYWELL, UNION PACIFIC BRING TRAINING TO CALUMET CITY, IL

**A**SHLAND INC. HOSTED A ONE-DAY TRANSCAER® training event involving local responders, chemical suppliers, neighbors and plant personnel on May 5 in Calumet City, IL.

TRANSCAER®'s State Co-ordinators for Illinois Ben Caudill and Dick Wagner of Ashland and Matt Thompson of Union Pacific Railroad coordinated the event with TRANSCAER® Team Members from Honeywell.

Ben Caudill kicked off the training day by providing an overview of Ashland, the materials utilized and manufactured at the facility, as well as, sharing Ashland resources that are available to assist responders in the event of an emergency.

Honeywell provided chemical specific training involving product hazards, initial treatment, medical treatment, response mitigation and clean-up. Union Pacific's Matt Thompson provided a Safety for First Responders (Railroad 101) training class that wrapped the day's activities. ■



Clockwise from top: Ashland's Ben Caudill discusses plant operations and unloading activities with first responders, chemical suppliers, neighbors and plant personnel in Calumet City, IL; Union Pacific's Matt Thompson presents Safety for First Responders (Railroad 101) to the team.; Ben Caudill reviews the agenda and discusses the plants history and materials handled and manufactured. Photos by Dick Wagner, Ashland, Inc.

# NS LUCKNOW YARD BREAKS IN NEW NS SAFETY TRAIN

ARTICLE BY SCOTT DEUTSCH, NS



**T**HE NEW NORFOLK SOUTHERN (NS) SAFETY TRAIN arrived in Harrisburg, PA at the Lucknow yard on May 11th for three days of free TRANSCAER® training.

These TRANSCAER® trainings were held during three, four-hour sessions each day to provide as much flexibility for first responders to attend. Responders received training on several topics from rail safety, identifying rail equipment, locomotive fires, incident management, unified command and working with the NS public information officers during emergencies.

The sessions were held in the new state-of-the-art boxcar classrooms and hands on activities were conducted on the DOT-105, -DOT-111, DOT112, and DOT117 tank cars. Participants reviewed the interior and exterior components of a NS locomotive.

During the training session more than half of the four-hour sessions were spent doing hands-on activities.

Norfolk Southern also presented and signed up first responders for the ASKRAIL App for smart phones that allows the first responders to view data on a single car or the trains consist.

Just as important as the TRANSCAER® training, was the excellent interaction which occurred between the responders and NS staff. The NS instructors who were present were: Dave Pidgeon, Manager Public

*Scott Gould, NS hazmat safety compliance officer, teaching first responders on the new NS OAR hazmat safety train in the Harrisburg, PA. Photo by Scott Deutsch, NS*



*Scott Gould, NS hazmat safety compliance officer, teaching first responders on the new NS OAR hazmat safety train in the Harrisburg Intermodal Terminal. Photo by Dave Pidgeon*

Relations; Scott Deutsch, Regional Manager Hazardous Materials; Scott Gould, Hazardous Materials Compliance Officer; Ethan Moyer, NS Conductor; John Casey, Retired NS HM Compliance Officer. ■

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**CHLORINE INSTITUTE HITS  
THE ROAD AGAIN WITH**

# 15 STOP TOUR

**IN NORTH AMERICA**

ARTICLE BY RAEANA EILEY, The Chlorine Institute

**W**ITH 15 STOPS SCHEDULED FOR THIS YEAR, THE CHLORINE INSTITUTE, in partnership with TRANSCAER®, has already successfully conducted seven of those events over the course of five months. These stops were held in several locations across the country such as, Mississippi, Louisiana, Delaware, West Virginia and even one event in Ontario, Canada. With a total of 532 participants, the training season has been a success thus far based on turnout and student feedback.

Two of the seven aforementioned stops completed were covered under the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) grant to TRANSCAER®. The grant will cover six of the 15 planned stops this year, making it possible to do such a large number of events. All of the grant-funded stops are in partnership with short line railroads such as, MSER in Pascagoula, Conrail in Philadelphia, M & H in Harrisburg, Wheeling & Lake Erie in Akron, Conrail in Detroit, and New Orleans Public Belt Railroad in New Orleans. The Class I's including CSX, Kansas City Southern Lines, BNSF, Norfolk Southern, Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, and Union Pacific, as well as Railway Association of Canada, are important partners at all the stops for this year.

The majority of attendees at these events are from fire departments, representing about 90% of the group. Others come from chemical companies, police departments, and even nearby universities. All feedback from these training events has been notably positive. One firefighter from Toronto stated, "Well done! All workshops were very informative. The instructors are all very knowledgeable and passionate about their craft!" Many attendees note that the hands-on training provided during these events, coupled with the highly experienced instructors, are what distinguish this program from others. There have been over 70 instructors who have contributed their knowledge and expertise to these events. ▶



Most of these highly trained instructors are from Chlorine Institute CHLOREP response teams and other supporting members, as well as the railroad partners.

In addition to the many onsite training events CI hosts, this year the Institute rolled out a brand new webinar program to accommodate even more participants. With a total of nine webinars planned for 2016, five have already been completed. The 90-minute webinars are awareness level trainings that

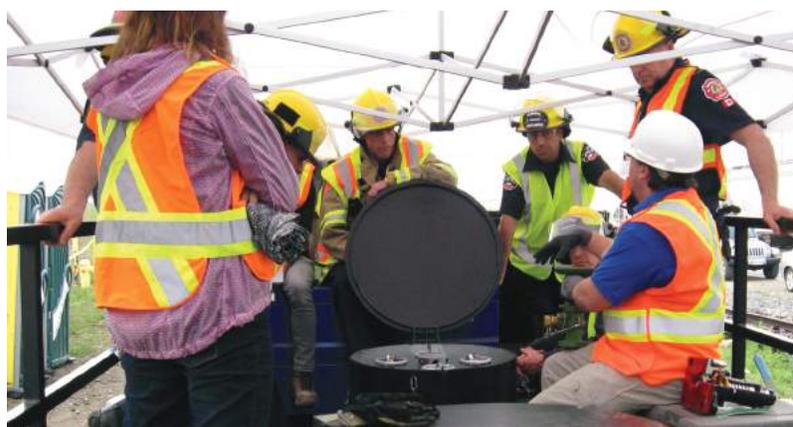
focuses on chlorine emergency response. Over the course of five webinars, there have been 263 attendees who gave outstanding reviews about the course. Some funding of the webinars also comes from the Federal Railroad Administration grants.

With just about half of the scheduled training events completed, The Chlorine Institute continues its tour with hopes of an even more successful season than previous years. ■



**“The instructors  
are all very  
knowledgeable and  
passionate about their craft!”**

*Firefighter from Toronto*



Main photo: *Students participating in the hands-on Chlorine Institute Emergency B-Kit training station at Natrium, WV. Photo by Indian Springs. Smaller photos from top to bottom: Students participating in the hands-on Chlorine Institute Emergency A-Kit training station at Toronto, ON with instructor Mike Heeringa with Brenntag. Photo by J.P. Couture, R.A.C.; Nicolas Gautier (Axiall) instructs students on a training trailer on how to use a C-Kit. Photo taken by J.P. Couture with R.A.C.*

# QUALITY DISTRIBUTION CONDUCTS FIRST OF FOUR TRANSCAER® DRILLS IN NEWARK, NJ

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY BRUCE GACSAL, Quality Distribution Inc.

**O**N MAY 26TH 2016 QUALITY Distribution Inc. (QDI, sister company Boasso) conducted a TRANSCAER® emergency response drill at its Newark, NJ facility.

The TRANSCAER® drill is the first of at least four, which will be conducted annually at this location to educate and train responders on QDI's response and reaction protocols should there be an event involving one or more "sensitive" or reactive commodities, which are temporarily staged on this facility.

Municipal attendance included Newark Deputy Fire Chief Jackson, Battalion Chiefs, Reilly and Daniels, NJDEP E.R. Camargo and Rodriguez and over 40 Newark responders including the Newark HAZMAT Team and five apparatus.

The drill's management and oversight was conducted by Bruce Gacsal, director of security for QDI with Jake Surowiecki, scientist from O'Brien

and Gere, (QDI's environmental consulting team) providing technical support.

Based on inventory, Difluoroethane, a colorless, odorless, flammable, liquefied gas was selected as the chemical released for this drill. The predetermined scenario included the release originating from a pin-hole sized area on the ISO (valve or welded seam) and approximately 20 gallons of the selected chemical would have been lost to the ground surface.

All attendees were briefed by Gacsal prior to deploying out to the yard where the stricken vessel was located. Identification of "muster" points and general questions and concerns were addressed at this time.

At the conclusion of the briefing, the drill commenced:

- Terminal Manager Backhouse was notified that approximately 20 gallons of an

unknown chemical was observed in the yard. The tank number was provided to Backhouse and he promptly identified the contents of the ISO as 1,1-Difluoroethane. The SDS was procured by his staff and Backhouse compared it to a listing of TCPA regulated chemicals. Once confirmed it was hazardous/regulated, Backhouse initiated the steps in the Emergency Response Plan, which included the mock notification of the Newark Fire Department, the NJDEP and SKYTANK.

- SKYTANK is QDI's proprietary 911 network, operational 24x7x365 days a year SKYTANK personnel staff phones and are able to provide assistance to any driver, terminal, agency or civilian reporting or involved with any driver, equipment, shipment, commodity or location under QDI's care, custody and control.



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**“There can NEVER be too much information.”**

Comment heard throughout the TRANSCAER® drill



Main photo (left): Speaking Jake Surowiecki O'Brien & Gere - Environmental Consultants for Quality Distribution Inc., detailing the associated risks with the release of Difluoroethane. Left hands in pocket Ralph Rodriguez - NJDEP, Center stage left to right Newark FD Battalion Chief Reilly, Deputy Chief Jackson, Battalion Chief Daniels, back to us Terminal Manager Kristian Backhouse Boasso America. Smaller photos from top to bottom: Surowiecki responding to questions from Battalion Chief Daniels on manufacturer specifications for ISO tanks and their limitations; Left to right, Mike Izbebski - Boasso America Yard Operations Manager, Newark Deputy Fire Chief Jackson, with back to us Joseph Newkirk Atlantic Response outlining Atlantic's responsibilities when they arrive at a product release from an ISO container; Bruce Gacsal (off camera) providing Fire Chiefs with operational overview and Job Safety Analysis (JSA) prior to drill.

- ER drill personnel (ODI, Boasso, NJDEP, NFD, Atlantic Response, and OBG) went to the area where the mock spill occurred, further discussion ensued with NFD outlining the following:
  - NFD would attempt to mitigate a release if they deemed it necessary to do so. This might include actual attempts to stop a leak while establishing a safe perimeter for responders and the general public.
  - NFD would establish the cold, warm and hot zones for the incident. Decontamination location/s would be identified and established in the event of a chemical release.
  - NFD would retain incident command until such time as the threat of fire/explosion was eliminated.
  - In an event where NFD's continued presence was necessary throughout cleanup NFD would work with all involved parties sharing resources/ tools, as necessary, while continuing to maintain control of the incident.
  - NFD requested nine hard copies of SDS's for all primary apparatus response units as well requesting a binder with the same SDS information retained within a Knox box at the ingress point of the facility or other location to be determined at a later time.
  - NFD requested a drawing of the yard, identifying where the EHS chemicals were stored further recommending that facility management could readily identify neighboring "sensitive" ISO containers (without entering the area).
- Requests were made by all first responders that an emergency contact list be readily available should they require.
- Gacsal pointed out this is where the SKYTANK personnel can be of great assistance. They can reach out to any and all parties that must be contacted within the organization including state and or federal organizations while the on scene responders continue to focus and address the immediate threat/s to public health and safety.
- The mock drill moved to a separate area where we illustrated to NFD the operations of the valve on the ISOs - internal/external and emergency pull cord. Further discussion included but was not limited to which chemicals on site were reactive to water

Methyl Trichlorosilane and Sodium were identified

- Select NFD personnel (HAZMAT primarily) wanted to inspect the tops of these International Organization for Standardization (ISO) containers, asking about thread type; Metric or American for fittings, amount of openings, types of latches, seals gauges were all general questions which required explanation and details
- NFD explained shift rotations (four) and how the teams that were present for this drill may not necessarily be the teams on duty during an event, detailing they would always share information gathered amongst themselves but a formal similar drill for all rotations should be considered as part of this annual process. Upon conclusion of the outdoor portion of the drill all parties reconvened for a final debrief, sharing best practices and general understanding and further explanation of what the business model is.

One comment that was mentioned throughout the TRANSCAER® drill was, "There can NEVER be too much information." ■



# DOW KICKS OFF 2016 TRAINING TOUR IN THE NORTHEAST

## *CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF TRANSCAER®*

ARTICLE BY SAM SIMON, Dow

Photos by Sam Simon, Dow, Elvin Montero, Chemistry Council of New Jersey & Donna Lepik, American Chemistry Council/TRANSCAER®

**T**HE DOW SAFETY TRAIN recently completed a four-stop tour across Pennsylvania and New Jersey; training over 300 responders.

The Northeast TRANSCAER® tour stopped in Croydon Pa, Newark NJ, Westville, NJ and then teamed up with The Chlorine Institute Safety Train at the fourth stop in Philadelphia Pa. The trainings took place over several dates beginning in late April and continued through early June 2016.

"We have an outstanding team of individuals from across the chemical industry, rail & highway transportation, governmental agencies, emergency response subject matter expert's and many TRANSCAER® volunteers who work behind-the-scenes months in advance planning these events," said NE Tour Coordinator Sam Simon, Senior ESS Technician, Fire Chief, Dow Chemical, Bristol, Pennsylvania. "Dow partners

with The Firefighter's Training and Education Foundation, The Chlorine Institute, American Chemistry Council, CHEMTREC®, TRANSCAER® State Coordinators, Conrail, Honeywell, NS, CSX, TRANSFLO, SMS, DANA, Crestwood, Kuehne Company, BCPSTC, SPSI, Midland, Indian Springs, Chemours, Sunoco Logistics, Benjamin Moore & Co., U.S. DOT PHMSA/FRA and several local TRANSCAER® volunteers, all of whom contribute to helping make the Northeast Tour such a tremendous success."

Students were trained using the new API/ Association of American Railroad's Crude by Rail Safety program, railcar and locomotive anatomy, chlorine emergencies, Indian Springs A, B, C Capping Kits, Midland Capping Kit, hands-on leak mitigation and tank truck emergencies.

"Dow and TRANSCAER® are committed to chemical transportation safety and security, we are focused on being prepared and are committed to emergency preparedness and response training for communities. Our goal is to provide improved community awareness and emergency preparedness along highly hazardous chemical transportation routes by providing communities with a significantly enhanced outreach, education and training in coordination with national, regional and state TRANSCAER® programs. This is why Dow co-founded TRANSCAER® 30 years ago."

TRANSCAER® is an integral part of Dow's long-standing commitment to local protection of human health and environment, which today serves as a key foundational tenet of Dow's 2020 Sustainability Goals.

We were honored to have a few special guests attend the 2016 Northeast Tour including the National Volunteer Fire Council's TRANSCAER® Partner Representative Chief Bill Offerman, Elvin Montero of the Chemical Council of New Jersey and National TRANSCAER® Staff Executive Donna Lepik.

We were also excited to announce to the attendees at the Newark, NJ and Westville, NJ stops that the United States Senate adopted a Congressional Resolution introduced by Senator Shelley Moore Capito, as well as, a Joint Legislative Resolution in the State of New Jersey, sponsored by Senate President of New Jersey Stephen M. "Steve" Sweeney, Assemblyman John J. Burzichelli (Deputy Speaker/Appropriations Chair) and Assemblyman Adam J. Taliaferro recognizing TRANSCAER® on its 30th anniversary and for helping keep communities and responders prepared in the event of a hazardous materials transportation incident. ■



Left to right: Row 1: TRANSCAER®'s Mike Stephenson of Benjamin Moore & Company, Sam Simon of Dow and Bill Offerman of the National Volunteer Fire Council welcome all for the first day of the Dow Tour in Newark, NJ; Members of the TRANSCAER® New Jersey state team show off the NJ Joint Legislative Resolution presented to TRANSCAER® on May 18, 2016 during the Westville, NJ stop. In the photo: (L to R) Paul Little, Ed Patterson, Carrie Wayne, Tony Diaz, Sam Simon. Way to go team!; Row 2: Several members of Philadelphia Fire Department Hazmat 1 getting some hands-on Capping Kit training with Rob Wolniak of Indian Springs at the Chlorine Institute/Dow Chemical sponsored Northeast TRANSCAER® Tour held June 3 at Transflo in Philadelphia, PA; Jared Sharp of Crestwood demonstrates to the responders all of the features using their training trailer in Newark, NJ; The Dow Northeast Tour made a stop for Westville Fire at Sunoco Logistics on May 18-19, 2016 in Westville, NJ; Row 3: Jon Cragg of Dana Transport shares rules of the road during the Dow Tour in Newark, NJ; Sam Simon of Dow offers a session on crude by rail in Newark, NJ.



## CN HOSTS CHLORINE TRAINING AT MACMILLAN YARD IN CONCORD, ONTARIO

ARTICLE BY DAVID SLAUSON, CN Rail  
Photos by Jean Pierre Couture,  
Railway Association of Canada, (RAC)

*Kyle Gravelle, QM demonstrates using a capping kit on a ton cylinder.*



**T**HE CHLORINE INSTITUTE SPONSORED A TRANSCAER® training event May 25-26 at CN's MacMillan Yard in Concord, Ontario. Over 95 responders from as far away as Sarnia and Ottawa, Ontario attended the two day event.

There was a diversified audience in attendance, including Fire, Police, ER Contractors, Chemical Producers and the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

The event featured presentations on railway emergency response and railway 101, as well as hazmat safety and emergency response and product-specific training for chlorine, HCL and sodium hydroxide.

Topics also included chlorine shipping containers, chemical and physical properties,

*Small photos from top to bottom: Mike Heeringa of QM demonstrates proper capping technique using a 150# cylinder; Keith Stirling of Brenntag, (standing with his back to us) and Kyle Gravelle of QM (Middle instructing) while Rich O'Hara of Olin (on the right) observes; Midland Manufacturing and Troy Scarrow, regional manager/Canada (CN Trailer) demonstrate rail safety options.*

technical information, videos of the products, proper PPE, first aid/medical treatment and proper response including decontamination of PPE, responders and tools associated with a response.

Participants rotated through five interactive stations featuring leak mitigation scenarios to provide hands-on training on the types of means of containment transporting chlorine.

The CN Dangerous Goods Trailer, CCPX 911 Safety Tank Car and other props were used for the hands-on portion of the training.

This training included the installation of the A, B, and C kits and a B kit capping station using the newly redesigned strong back. Midland Manufacturing demonstrated its emergency response capping kit. A 150# salvage containment cylinder recovery vessel was also demonstrated.

Experienced instructors from Olin, Brenntag, Axiall, Midland, QM Environmental, SPSI, RAC and CN all played roles in the success of this TRANSCAER® training event. ■

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June 18, 2015

Gene Patten, VP  
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Dear Gene:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, thank you for your assistance with the Hazardous Materials Technician Training Program held in March. Having the professional assistance that you have provided better prepares our firefighters in hazardous materials response should the need arise.

Cooperative engagement of private/public partnerships in training the commonwealth's first responders promotes safer operations, enhances preparedness when a hazardous materials incident occurs, and fosters lasting relationships between response agencies and industry.

Respectfully,

Michael Barry, Program Coordinator  
Hazardous Materials Training  
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# CAFC & TRANSCAER® PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

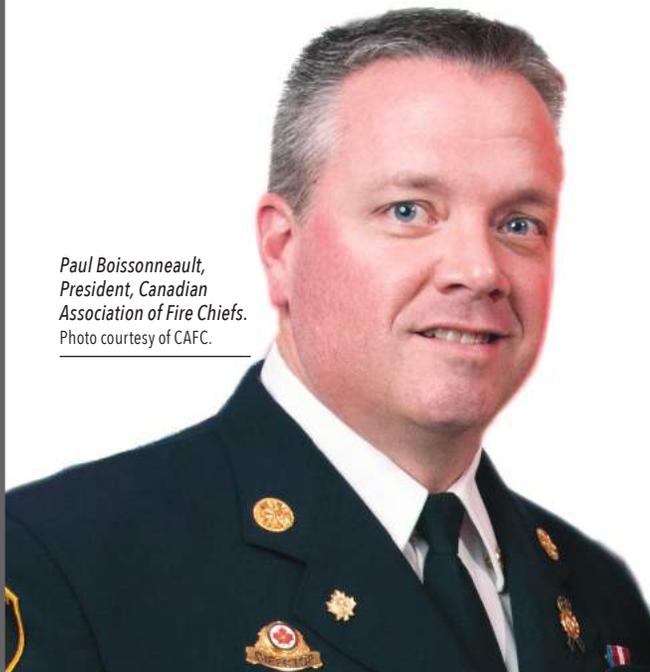
BY JOHN-PAUL CODY-COX, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs



Group photo from a 2015 flammable liquids tour stop in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Photo: Mike Drumm, Shell

**T**HE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS (CAFC) and TRANSCAER® have been official partners since 2014. However, they began collaborating long before that since the fire service recognized that industry participating actively in emergency planning, training and communications with first responders and municipal officials prior to incidents is key to mitigation.

In the wake of the incident in Lac-Mégantic, Québec, it became clear that firefighters and first responders were not sufficiently trained and equipped, to effectively respond to such a dangerous goods incident. As a result, the CAFC made training one of its top advocacy priorities and began working with industry and government stakeholders to address the gap. ➤



Paul Boissonneault,  
President, Canadian  
Association of Fire Chiefs.  
Photo courtesy of CAFC.



**“The CAFC values the combination of online and hands-on training related to the transportation of flammable liquids, which have the capacity to reach thousands of first responders every year.”**

Paul Boissonneault,  
CAFC President



Hands-on foam demonstration conducted during the 2015 flammable liquids tour stop in Lloydminster, Sask. Photo: Adrian Michielsen, Imperial

In 2015, TRANSCAER® began its flammable liquids tour. This initiative focuses on hands-on demonstrations of dangerous goods transportation equipment and response tools, including foam trailers. In its inaugural year, the flammable liquids tour reached over 860 people across five provinces.

In 2016, an innovative online awareness tool for first responders dealing with flammable liquid emergencies was launched. Developed in partnership between the CAFC, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, Transport Canada and key members of its Emergency Response Task Force this training can be accessed through the CAFC's website or at [rail.capp.ca/en/](http://rail.capp.ca/en/).

"The CAFC values the combination of online and hands-on training related to the transportation of flammable liquids, which have the capacity to reach thousands of first responders every year," said CAFC President Paul Boissonneault. "These two programs will train first responders to take appropriate actions to protect themselves, the public, property and the environment thus mitigating the impact of the incident."

"The CAFC and TRANSCAER® continue to look at opportunities for engagement. The National TRANSCAER® team is looking forward to having a presence at this year's Fire-Rescue Canada, CAFC's annual conference, to help raise awareness of this important initiative with fire chiefs from across the country," said Kara Edwards, National TRANSCAER® Coordinator.

The 108th Fire-Rescue Canada Conference will take place September 25-28 in St. John's, Newfoundland. Conference topics will include operations and labor relations; risk management; leadership; and safety, health, and wellness. Retired Calgary Fire Chief Bruce Burell calls Fire-Rescue Canada "the premier fire conference in Canada."

### THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

Founded in 1909, the CAFC is an independent, non-profit organization representing approximately 3,500 fire departments across Canada. As the voice of fire services in Canada, the CAFC promotes the highest standard of public safety in an ever changing and increasingly complex world. CAFC acts as the national public service association dedicated to reducing the loss of life and property from fire. ■

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## TRANSCAER® IN NORTH AMERICA FEATURED AT ACC RESPONSIBLE CARE® CONFERENCE

ARTICLE BY KARA EDWARDS, CIAC

### 2016 Responsible Care® Conference & Expo



Transportation and Responsible Care speakers take a group photo at the ACC Responsible Care Conference (from left) Donna Lepik, ACC; Dan Wright, Transport Service Co.; Luc Robitaille, CIAC; Kara Edwards, CIAC; Greg Rhoads, ACC; Gene Patten, Dana Transportation Companies; and Steve Torres, Schneider National Bulk Carriers, Inc. Photo by Wilhelmus Van Haaren, Dow

**O**N APRIL 27, 2016 KARA EDWARDS, CIAC'S MANAGER Transportation Safety and Security and Donna Lepik, Director, Outreach & Special Programs with CHEMTREC and the American Chemistry Council (ACC) delivered a presentation on Transportation Approaches to Achieving Excellence during a workshop at the Responsible Care® Conference and Expo in Miami, Florida.

The presentation gave participants an overview of the value of the TRANSCAER® programs; how it works in both Canada and the United States; and, how participation in the program helps support companies' commitment to Responsible Care®.

Donna and Kara shared some of the TRANSCAER® milestones and plans for the future, and encouraged individuals and organizations to get involved in this long-standing and well-respected program. The session was well attended and Kara and Donna have been invited to give a similar presentation at the Labelmaster Dangerous Goods Symposium being held in Chicago in September 2016. ■



URSULA BAGNATO & WENDY CHIN

# TRANSCAER® IN ELMIRA, ONTARIO

ARTICLE BY HENRI BOURQUE, Chemistry Industry Association of Canada

**CHEMTURA CANADA AND CCC HOSTED A TRANSCAER® SAFETY** training event at Chemtura’s facility in Elmira, Ontario from June 7-9. Organizers were pleased with the turnout, which totalled well over 100 participants. Professional firefighters, volunteer firefighters, police officers, municipal officials, local residents and even a nearby junior high school participated in field demonstrations and classroom Q&A’s.

“The organization of the Elmira TRANSCAER® event was superb,” said Andy Ash, Director of Dangerous Goods for the Railway Association of Canada. “We had a tremendous turnout from all of our key audiences, and that speaks to the dedication of Ursula Bagnato and Wendy Chin in planning this event.” ■

Participating emergency responders in Elmira, Ont. in front of the CCPX 911. Organizers Ursula Bagnato, CCC and Wendy Chin, Chemtura Canada are pictured in royal blue TRANSCAER® jackets. Photo by Sarah Mayes, Railway Association of Canada.



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Carrie Maxim of NOVA Chemicals is the new co-chair of the National TRANSCAER® Committee.

“I look forward to joining Randy as co-chair of the National TRANSCAER® Committee.”

Carrie Maxim, Co-Chair of the National TRANSCAER® Task Group

## CARRIE MAXIM NAMED NATIONAL TRANSCAER® COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

ARTICLE BY HENRI BOURQUE, Chemistry Industry Association of Canada

**T**RANSCAER® CANADA'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAS NAMED CARRIE MAXIM OF NOVA Chemicals its new co-chair. Carrie will lead the program with current chair Randy Mak of Dow Chemical. "I look forward to joining Randy as co-chair of the National TRANSCAER® Committee," Maxim said.

"As a past participant and chair of the Ontario TRANSCAER® Committee, I saw firsthand the growth in outreach that the program has achieved in a few short years. I strongly believe in the value of stakeholder-community relationships, and of knowledge-sharing with first-responder departments. I am excited to continue working on these important initiatives at the national level."

"Carrie brings a wealth of TRANSCAER® knowledge and experience to her new role," Mak said. "I look forward to working with her to continue to grow and improve the TRANSCAER® program across Canada."

Carrie is a Logistics Planning Specialist with NOVA Chemicals in Sarnia, Ontario and has 25 years of supply chain experience with the company's Olefins, Polyethylene and Expandable Polystyrene businesses. She is a past two-term president of the Sarnia Traffic Club, a networking organization of supply chain specialists. Carrie holds a degree in business administration from Lakehead University, as well as professional designations from the Professional Logistics Institute and the Canadian Institute of Traffic and Transportation. ■

## VANCOUVER HOSTS CANADIAN TRANSCAER® COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the Canadian National TRANSCAER® Committee met in Vancouver, BC in April for a committee meeting and strategic planning session.

To see a full listing of committee members and participating organizations check out [transcaer.ca](http://transcaer.ca).

Photo Courtesy of BC Labour Relations Board Staff



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



## RAIL SAFETY & HAZMAT EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING



## UPCOMING NATIONAL TRANSCAER® TASK GROUP MEETINGS:

**Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

★ API,  
Washington, DC

**Thursday, December 8, 2016**

★ American Chemistry Council,  
Washington, DC

All NTTG meeting dates can be found on the TRANSCAER® web site under **NATIONAL**.

### 2016 TRAINING SCHEDULE:

| 📍 Location      | ★ Date      |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Springfield, IL | Aug. 23-26  |
| Calgary, AB     | Aug. 25-26  |
| Detroit, MI     | Sept. 13-16 |
| Milwaukee, WI   | Oct. 11-13  |
| New Orleans, LA | Nov. 1-3    |

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Looking for TRANSCAER® Training? Here's a listing of some upcoming training events.

## ★ August 10-12, 2016

### NORFOLK SOUTHERN SAFETY TRAIN

Responding to Emergencies on the Rail

📍 LOCATION: Knoxville, TN

**6 TIMES OFFERED!**

August 10, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 August 10, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 August 11, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 August 11, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 August 12, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 August 12, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

## ★ August 11, 2016

### CSX EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO RAILROAD INCIDENTS

First Responder Hazmat/ Railroad response training

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM | 📍 Crestview, FL

## ★ August 17, 2016

### THE CHLORINE INSTITUTE CHLORINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE WEBINAR

Chlorine Emergency Response | Awareness

📍 LOCATION: Online

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

## ★ August 24-25, 2016

### NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAIL SAFETY & EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

Awareness & Response

📍 LOCATION: Spencer, NC

**6 TIMES OFFERED!**

August 24, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 August 24, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 August 25, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 August 25, 2016 | 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM  
 August 26, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 August 26, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

## ★ August 31-September 2, 2016

### NS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY TRAIN

Rail Oriented Hazardous Materials Training

📍 LOCATION: ALEXANDRIA, VA

**5 TIMES OFFERED!**

August 31, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 August 31, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 September 1, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 September 2, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 September 2, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

## ★ September 13-15, 2016

### NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAIL SAFETY & EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

Awareness & Response

📍 LOCATION: Norfolk, VA

**6 TIMES OFFERED!**

September 13, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 September 13, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 September 14, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 September 14, 2016 | 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM  
 September 15, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 September 15, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

## ★ September 22, 2016

### THE CHLORINE INSTITUTE CHLORINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE WEBINAR

Chlorine Emergency Response | Awareness

📍 LOCATION: Online

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

## ★ September 27-29, 2016

### NS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY TRAIN

Rail Oriented Hazardous Materials Training

📍 LOCATION: Greenville, SC

**6 TIMES OFFERED!**

September 27, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 September 27, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 September 28, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 September 28, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 September 29, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 September 29, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

## ★ October 11-13, 2016

### NORFOLK SOUTHERN SAFETY TRAIN

Responding to Emergencies on the Rail

📍 LOCATION: ATLANTA, GA

**6 TIMES OFFERED!**

October 11, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 October 11, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 October 12, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 October 12, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 October 13, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 October 13, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

## ★ October 25-27, 2016

### NS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY TRAIN

Rail Oriented Hazardous Materials Training

📍 LOCATION: Chattanooga, TN

**6 TIMES OFFERED!**

October 25, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 October 25, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 October 26, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 October 26, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 October 27, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 October 27, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

## ★ November 8-10, 2016

### NORFOLK SOUTHERN SAFETY TRAIN

Responding to Emergencies on the Rail

📍 LOCATION: SLIDELL, LA

**6 TIMES OFFERED!**

November 8, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 November 8, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 November 9, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 November 9, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 November 10, 2016 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 November 10, 2016 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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# reaching OUT

TRANSCAER® aims to reach out to a broad spectrum of stakeholders from responders, to government, to industry -- here's a taste of some of our recent OUTREACH efforts we have made across North America.



National TRANSCAER Task Group Chairman Frank Reiner presented a TRANSCAER® briefing during the first meeting of the Committee for a Study of Domestic Transportation of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Ethanol through the Transportation Research Board at the National Academies of Science, Engineering, Medicine. Photo by Stephan A. Parker



TRANSCAER® Team Members and Renewable Fuels Association film crew after a long day of shooting the long-awaited Ethanol TRANSCAER® training program at the Columbus Fire Department Training Center. (L to R) Andy Johnson, IMedDesign; Captain Bill Brobst, Columbus Division of Fire/RFA Instructor; Bob Titter, Ashland; John Vergis, Wheeling & Lake Erie; Missy Ruff, RFA; Dave Druckenbroad, Ashland; Donna Lepik, American Chemistry Council/TRANSCAER®.



TRANSCAER® Chairman Frank Reiner with Chemical Safety Board Member Manny Ehrlich following a CSB Briefing on West Texas at the NTTG meeting on March 30 at American Chemistry Council in Washington, DC.

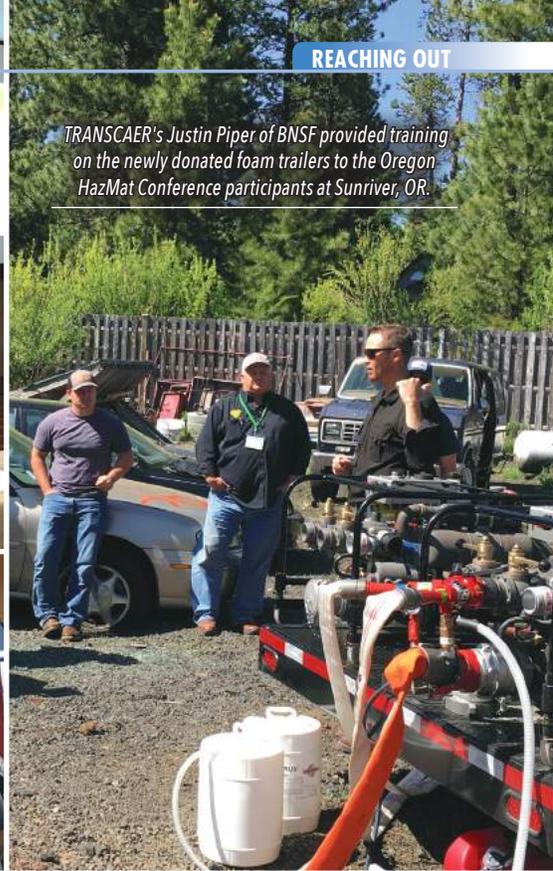
Goodies galore: TRANSCAER® and CHEMTREC® were front and center during the annual Oregon HazMat Conference this spring in Sunriver, OR.



TRANSCAER® State Coordinator for Oregon Jeff Dukes of Union Pacific provided TRANSCAER® outreach during the Oregon HazMat Conference in Sunriver, OR.



TRANSCAER's Justin Piper of BNSF provided training on the newly donated foam trailers to the Oregon HazMat Conference participants at Sunriver, OR.



Ed Dankbar of CP Railroad demonstrates the new CP1049 Locomotive Simulator during Wisconsin HazMat Conference in February in Stevens Point, WI.



TRANSCAER's Donna Lepik and Ben Salo of Union Pacific (pictured lower left) hosted a TRANSCAER® evening at the Durham Museum during the NASTTPO Conference in Omaha NE this spring.



NASTTPO Board and Executive Committee Members and Regional Representatives taking a break to enjoy some of the beautiful Omaha, NE sun during the spring workshop in the hotel courtyard this spring.



TRANSCAER's Donna Lepik and Ben Salo of Union Pacific hosted a TRANSCAER® session during the NASTTPO workshop in Omaha.



Kara Edwards, Chemistry Industry Association of Canada (TRANSCAER® Canada); Christine Gatti, Canadian National (CN); and Donna Lepik, American Chemistry Council (TRANSCAER® U.S.) congratulating CN on their Responsible Care Partner of the Year award from the American Chemistry Council (ACC), as well as their 2015 National Achievement Award from TRANSCAER® at the CHEMTREC® booth during the 2016 American Chemistry Council Responsible Care® Conference on April 25, 2016 in Miami, FL.



# Updates & Resources



## NORFOLK SOUTHERN EXPANDS ONLINE RESOURCES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

via new website – [www.joinNSoar.com](http://www.joinNSoar.com)

ARTICLE BY AILSA VON DOBENECK, NS

**I**N APRIL 2016, NORFOLK SOUTHERN launched a new website with a range of online resources for the emergency responder community, [www.joinNSoar.com](http://www.joinNSoar.com). The website is part of the NS Operation Awareness & Response (OAR) program, which NS is using internally to leverage their TRANSCAER® community outreach programs which they have actively participated in for years. The goal of OAR is to educate the public about the economic importance of the safe movement of hazardous materials by rail and to connect emergency first responders in Norfolk Southern communities with information and training resources.

The website has the following information (and a lot more) available at the touch of a mouse:

- Training options and sign-ups
  - Hazmat Safety Train Program
  - Tabletop Exercises
  - SERTC Openings
  - Online Training
- Information on what NS carries
- How to get the AskRail™ app and other useful response tools
- Pictures of the NS 9-1-1 locomotive
- Railroad Emergency Phone Numbers

Most importantly, first responders have the opportunity to “Join OAR” by filling out a simple form on the website. By becoming a member, first responders will receive updates on TRANSCAER® training opportunities, industry news, and government regulations in a quarterly newsletter, which will be distributed quarterly. ■

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**TO SIGN UP,**  
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training opportunities

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# NVFC ANNOUNCES CSX SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**WINNERS RECEIVE ALL-EXPENSE-PAID WEEK OF TRAINING AT THE** CSX Railroad Education & Development Institute

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) has partnered with CSX, a premier transportation company providing rail, intermodal, and rail-to-truck transload services, to provide scholarships to help more first responders attend their hands-on rail response training programs. Six NVFC members who live in CSX's service area were selected from across the nation to receive an all-expense-paid trip to attend a weeklong course at the CSX Railroad Education and Training Institute (REDI) in Atlanta, GA.

CSX was originally providing three scholarships to outstanding first responders. However, due to the many quality applications, they increased the award to provide six individuals with full scholarships for the weeklong trainings. Three winners will attend the CSX Responder Outreach Unit Train Emergencies course in August, and the other three will participate in the CSX HazMat Sentinel Class in October.

"The NVFC extends our heartfelt gratitude to CSX for their dedication to first responder training. Their generosity allows six boots-on-the-ground firefighters the opportunity to enhance their skills and better serve their communities," said NVFC Chairman Kevin D. Quinn, who participated in a CSX training in May. "I can attest to the high-level, professional training at the REDI. We look forward to continuing our partnership to benefit departments nationwide."

Find out more about CSX at [www.csx.com](http://www.csx.com). Stay tuned for information about future award and scholarship programs from the NVFC at [www.nvfc.org/news](http://www.nvfc.org/news).

## MEET THE 2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- ★ **BRIAN CARHART** is a volunteer firefighter and paramedic with the Pikesville (MD) Volunteer Fire Company.
- ★ **DERRICK HALL** serves as a volunteer firefighter and EMT with the City of Hazard (KY) Fire & Rescue.
- ★ **SCOTT MARTIN** is a Fire Inspector and volunteer firefighter at the Wadesboro (NC) Fire Department.
- ★ **CLAUDE SIGMAN** is the Fire Coordinator and Deputy Emergency Manager for Kanawha County Emergency Management in Charleston, WV.
- ★ **JOHN SULLIVAN** is a volunteer firefighter for the Pegram (TN) Fire Department and a Highway Emergency Incident Response for the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).
- ★ **LES WHALEN** is the Fire Chief at the Williamstown (KY) Volunteer Fire Department and his county's Emergency Management Director.

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# 2016 ERG FREE DOWNLOADS NOW AVAILABLE

**T**HE PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION has developed a free, mobile web app of its Emergency Response Guidebook 2016 (ERG). PHMSA's 2016 Emergency Response Guidebook provides first responders with a go-to manual to help deal with hazmat transportation accidents during the critical first 30 minutes. The new safety tool provides the nation's emergency responders with fast, easily accessible information to help them manage hazardous material incidents. This software is available from the Apple iTunes store for iPhone, and from the Google Play website for Android.

**Disclaimer:**

Currently electronic files, including the ERG App, cannot be substituted for hard copy documents to comply with the requirements of the Emergency Response Information requirements of Subpart G of Part 172. The intent of this regulation is to ensure that the emergency response information be provided together with the shipping paper in an accessible manner. In accordance with 49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B, a person interested in displaying emergency response information in alternate manner may request a special permit from the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.



*TRANSCAER® Partner and Fire Chief Bill Offerman of the National Volunteer Fire Council received his copy of the 2016 ERG and his USDOT/PHMSA TRIPR training program on May 5, 2016 during the Dow Tour in Newark.*

*Photo by Donna L. Lepik, American Chemistry Council/TRANSCAER®*



*Anthony Murray of USDOT PHMSA (right) shared some of the NEW 2016 ERGs with responders during the Dow Northeast Tour Stop in Newark on May 4 2016.*

*Photo by Donna L. Lepik, American Chemistry Council/TRANSCAER®*

# DOT RELEASES NEW EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOK

## More Than 1.5 Million Free Copies to First Responders Nationwide

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) today released the 2016 Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG2016), providing first responders with an updated go-to manual to help respond to hazardous materials transportation accidents during the critical first minutes.

PHMSA will distribute more than 1.5 million free copies of the guidebook to firefighters, emergency medical technicians and law enforcement officers across the nation. Emergency first responders will use the ERG2016 to identify specific risks associated with compromised hazardous materials, and the recommended safety measures and procedures they should take to protect themselves and contain the incident as quickly as possible.

"We take the safety of this nation and its emergency responders very seriously," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "Our goal is to make sure that these first responders have the most current and accurate safety guidelines possible for use during that initial phase of a hazmat incident."

The ERG contains an indexed list of dangerous goods and the associated 4-digit United Nations identification numbers. The ERG also identifies the general hazards those dangerous goods pose and recommends safety

precautions in remediating a hazmat incident. For example, if emergency first responders arrive at the scene of an overturned tractor trailer displaying a USDOT hazardous material placard, they would use the guidebook to identify the material associated with the placard and how best to respond.

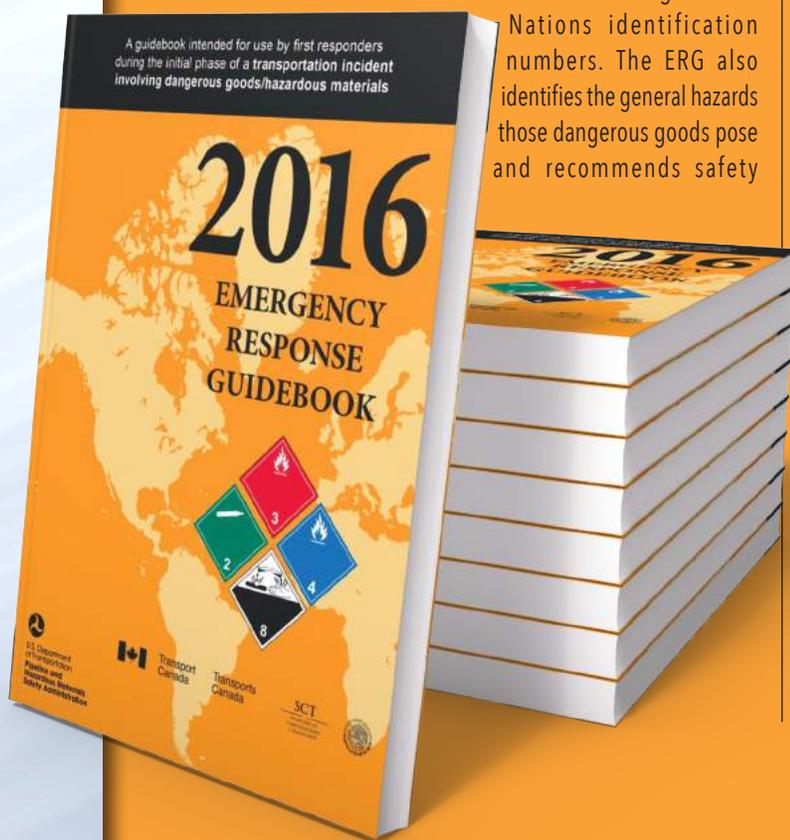
"The ERG is an invaluable tool during the initial stages of any hazmat transportation emergency. Taking the proper action during those critical first minutes impacts the safety of both the first responders and the people they serve," said PHMSA Administrator Marie Therese Dominguez.

The 2016 version of the ERG includes general revisions, expanded sections and added guide pages for absorbed gases. Updated every four years as a collaborative effort of the USDOT, Transport Canada and Mexico's Secretariat of Transport and Communications, the ERG2016 is available free to public safety agencies in all states, territories and Native American Tribes through designated state emergency management coordinators' offices.

PHMSA has also partnered with the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to provide a free Smartphone version of the ERG2016. NLM also develops and distributes the Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders. The mobile application will be available this spring.

A copy of the new ERG2016 is posted online at: <http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/outreach-training/erg>. Print copies of ERG2016 are available for sale to the general public through the U.S. Government Printing Office Bookstore at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov> and other commercial suppliers.

The mission of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is to protect people and the environment by advancing the safe transportation of energy and other hazardous materials that are essential to our daily lives. PHMSA develops and enforces regulations for the safe operation of the nation's 2.6 million mile pipeline transportation system and the nearly 1 million daily shipments of hazardous materials by land, sea, and air. ■



### FOR MORE INFORMATION,

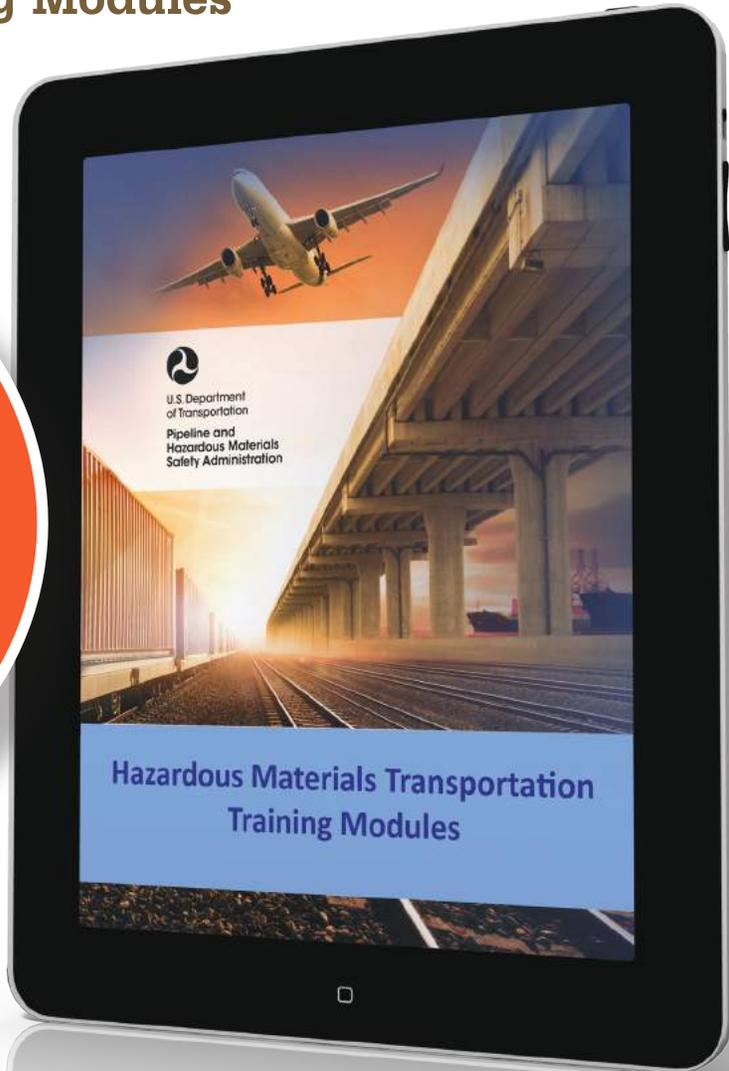
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# USDOT PHMSA ANNOUNCES

## NEW Hazardous Materials Transportation Training Modules

AVAILABLE  
AT

<http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/outreach-training/training-modules>



**T**HIS NEW ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAM INTRODUCES USERS TO THE Hazardous Materials Regulation (HMR), and may be used to meet the requirements for general awareness/familiarization training, or as the basis for developing function-specific training programs.

Current U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations require initial and recurrent training of all employees who perform work functions covered by the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180). Any employee whose work directly affects hazardous materials transportation safety is required to have training.

The Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has developed training modules that meet the requirements for general awareness training as prescribed in Title 49 CFR, Part 172, Subpart H.

The Hazardous Materials Transportation Training Modules contain an interactive training program for individual instruction. The training modules are available at: <http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/outreach-training/training-modules>

Comments on this Phase 1 release of the Hazmat Transportation Training Modules may be sent to [training@dot.gov](mailto:training@dot.gov). All comments will be evaluated for inclusion in Phase 2, planned for release in late 2016.

**Note:** This program is for training purposes only and is not a substitute for the HMR. Although the modules included in this program will be updated periodically, the regulations may change more frequently. To ensure that you are in compliance with current regulations, consult a current copy of the HMR and any subsequent final rules published in the Federal Register. ■

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## THIS FREE, ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAM

combines text, graphics, exercises, and tests in an interactive format. Upon completion of each module, a record of your test results will be available to print and save.

Although this training is browser-based, it does not connect you to any computer at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Retention of individual test results, as well as passwords and user IDs, is the user's responsibility.

Training is the best means of preventing, or reducing, hazardous materials (hazmat) incidents in transportation that are caused by human error.

The Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5101, et seq.) is the basic statute pertaining to the transportation of hazmat in the United States, and requires the training of ALL hazmat employees.



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**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials  
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# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ANNOUNCES FLAMMABLE LIQUID UNIT TRAINS RESPONSE CURRICULUM

## Online Resource Offers Responders a Flexible Approach to Pre-Incident Planning for Rail Incidents



**T**HE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Safety Administration (PHMSA) today announced the launch of the web-accessible Transportation Rail Incident Preparedness and Response (TRIPR) training resource, which provides emergency responders with critical information and best practices related to rail incidents involving Hazard Class 3 Flammable Liquids such as crude oil and ethanol. This off-the-shelf training is available online and can be used anywhere throughout the country.

TRIPR was developed in conjunction with other public safety agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and

leverages the expertise of rail carriers and industry subject matter experts to better prepare first responders to safely manage incidents involving flammable liquids.

"Some of the most important actions we have taken during the last two years to increase the safety of transporting crude oil by rail have been providing more resources, better information and quality training for first responders. This web-based training is another tool to help first responders in communities large and small, urban and rural quickly and effectively respond if a derailment happens," said FRA Administrator Sarah E. Feinberg.

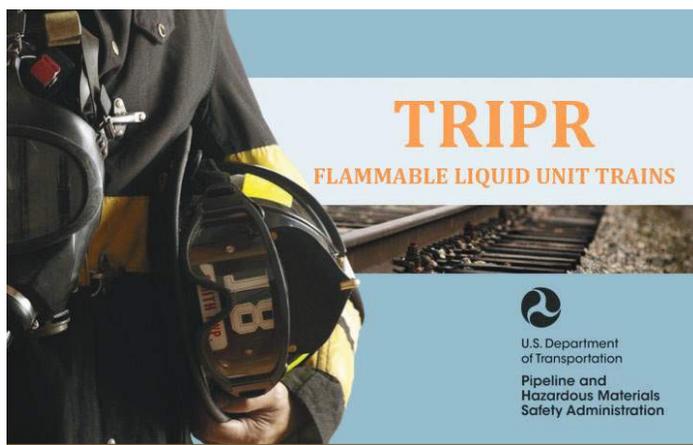
The TRIPR curriculum focuses on key hazmat response functions and incorporates three animated training scenarios along with introductory

videos to help instructors facilitate tabletop discussions. The TRIPR resources offer a flexible approach to training first responders and emergency services personnel in pre-incident planning and response. Each module contains a PowerPoint presentation, Student Workbook and Instructor Lesson Plan. PHMSA plans to host a series of open houses throughout the country to promote the TRIPR curriculum. ➤

Last summer, DOT announced that it would make the requirement for railroads to notify State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs) of the expected movement of Bakken crude oil trains permanent. This information then trickles down to first responders across states and counties. DOT has also partnered with the Transportation Technology Center Inc. (TTCI), which is owned by the FRA and managed by the Association of American Railroads, to provide training for 1,500 first responders in TTCI's Crude by Rail Training for First Responders course. The training at TTCI is provided at no cost to communities or first responders.

[Click here to access the materials.](#)

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration develops and enforces regulations for the safe, reliable, and environmentally sound operation of the nation's 2.6 million mile pipeline transportation system and the nearly 1 million daily shipments of hazardous materials by land, sea, and air. ■



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions about this training tool, please reach out to:

Outreach and Training Branch  
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 East Building, 2nd Floor, PHH-50  
 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
 Washington, DC 20590  
 Phone No: 202-366-1109  
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**“TRIPR is the result of a concerted effort between federal agencies and rail safety stakeholders to improve emergency response organizations’ ability to prepare for and respond to rail incidents involving a release of flammable liquids like crude oil or ethanol, we are committed to safety and providing responders with flexible, cost-effective training and resources that help them respond to hazmat incidents safely.”**



Marie Therese Dominguez,  
 PHMSA Administrator

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