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TO: All District Administrative Coordinators
    All District Coordinators
    All District Fiscal Agents
    All District Planning Council Members
    All District Planning Oversight Committee Members
    All District Response Task Force Commanders
    All Emergency Management Directors
    All LEPC Officers
    All IERC Officers

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Subject: Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grants

Purpose

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to reiterate the changes in the use guidelines for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) training funds, and to clarify the reasons for these changes. Through this information bulletin, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Field Services Division, will also present notice about planned courses that will be provided for hazardous materials students around the state, which are funded with 2012 HMEP funds.

General

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is the grantee of HMEP grants. IDHS sub-grants all HMEP planning funds to Local Emergency Planning Committees to support planning initiatives and exercises; the IDHS has allocated a majority of the training funding to support standard HAZMAT training courses across the state. This support includes courses that are commonly professionally-required courses, as well as some specialty courses. These courses are available to all responders, and lodging will be provided for students who will be traveling more than fifty (50) miles to the training venue. Students who will be traveling more than seventy five (75) miles are eligible for lodging the night before the first day of the training event.
History

With its short performance period and no possibility for extensions, the HMEP grant has historically proven to be difficult to maximize for efficiency, and utilize effectively. It is for these reasons that allocated grant funds have been returned nearly every year that HMEP funds have been awarded to Indiana. Most recently, the following funds have been returned to the Federal government:

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It should be noted that it was in 2011 that the IDHS began to use the awarded HMEP funds for the development of the HAZMAT training capability statewide.

Due to the challenges of maximizing the utilization of these funds, mentioned above, the IDHS has endeavored to make better use of the HMEP funds and increase the return on investment through the establishment of a state-wide HAZMAT training program, which will be supported with HMEP funds.

2011 HAZMAT Training Equipment

As previously indicated, IDHS purchased HAZMAT training equipment with 2011 HMEP funds. These training kits and simulators are available for your use, and are located at the following locations:

**South Bend Fire Department**
MC306 Rollover Simulator
Bullex Air Monitoring Training Kit (Air Monitor Trainer, Air Tank, Placards)
POC: Deputy Chief Jim Lopez
jlopez@southbendin.gov
(574) 235-7558

**Terre Haute Fire Department**
MC306 Rollover Simulator
Bullex Air Monitoring Training Kit (Air Monitor Trainer, Air Tank, Placards)
POC: Captain Russell Feuquay
Russell.feuquay@terrehaute.in.gov
(812) 240-8417

**Indiana Department of Homeland Security**
MC306 Rollover Simulator
DOT407 Simulator
POC: David Probo  
Dprobo@dhs.in.gov  
(317) 234-6589

2012 Training Program

The following courses are scheduled to be conducted using the 2012 HMEP funds:

Hazardous Materials Technician

Fishers Fire HQ  June 17-28, 2013  
Greencastle Fire Department  May 18, 19 & June 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, & 23, 2013  
Greensburg Fire Department  TBD  
New Albany Fire Department  July 29 – August 9, 2013

HAZMAT Awareness and Operations

Topeka Volunteer Fire Department  May 14 – June 1, 2013

Chemistry of Hazardous Materials

Westfield Training Center  June 17 – 28, 2013

Prospective students may apply at www.indianafiretraining.com.

Note: Other training courses will be added as details become available and finalized.

Questions

Questions pertaining to the information contained within this information bulletin, or the HMEP program, please contact Andrew Elsner, IDHS HAZMAT Training Coordinator, at Aelsner@dhs.in.gov, or by phone at (317) 727-4431.