



Center for Emergency Preparedness

8 Hour Ohio Hazardous Materials Awareness

Course Description:

This one day, 8-hour course reviews the role of an Ohio First Responder “Awareness Level” trained personnel, which are individuals who are likely to witness or discover a hazardous substance release and who have been trained to initiate an emergency response sequence by notifying the proper authorities of the release. They would take no further action beyond notifying the authorities of the release. First responders at the Awareness Level shall have appropriate training or shall have had enough experience and demonstrate competency. Participants must successfully complete hands-on scenarios and a written test.

Course Objectives:

- An understanding of what hazardous substances are and the risks associated with them in an incident.
- An understanding of the potential outcomes associated with an emergency created when hazardous substances are present.
- The ability to recognize the presence of hazardous substances in an emergency and the ability to identify the hazardous substances.
- An understanding of the role of the first responder at the Awareness Level in the employer’s emergency response plan including site security and control according to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Emergency Response Guidebook.
- The ability to realize the need for additional resources and to make the appropriate notifications to communications centers

Who should attend?

- Fire Fighters and Hazmat Teams that respond to transportation incidents
- Spill / Safety response team members
- Supervisors of employees at EHS facilities (Extremely Hazardous Sites)
- Hazardous waste site workers
- Personnel identified in a facility Emergency Response Plan (ERP) that respond to mitigate release of Hazardous Materials or other emergencies

Earned Credentials:

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will earn 8 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and a certificate verifying successful course completion.

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