

Training Topic Group Conference Call February 17, 1999

PARTICIPANTS ON CALL:

Tom Hughes	Bill Ruting
Deena LaRue	Randy Small
Ella McNeil	Wilbur Smith
Tammy Ottmer	Gordon Veerman
Jim Price	

STATUS OF TRAINING MODULES:

The training modules are still in need of an official name. Group members are requested to submit suggested titles for these modules by next week. In developing the title, keep in mind these three key words: transportation, radiological, module. Any logo ideas will also be welcome.

Tom Clawson, Eastern Idaho Technical College, has revised the first five modules. Jim Price will review, edit, and forward copies to the Topic Group members for review. The Specialist module is on hold and will be the last module to be completed. Chief Bill Ruting, LaGrange, Illinois Fire Department, has taken the lead to develop the two Incident Command modules, Response and Recovery Phases. Drafts of these two modules have been forwarded to Jim Price for review. Mike Sharon, Maryland Department of the Environment, has taken the lead to develop the Public Information Officer module. Prior to being sent out for Topic Group review, Bill Ruting and Gordon Veerman will review the latest draft modules to make changes for enhancing usability by firefighters and other first responders.

REVIEW COMMENTS ON FIRE CHIEF BILL RUTING DOCUMENT:

To date, comments have been received from Tammy Ottmer (Topic Group) and from three DOE Regional offices: Idaho, Richland, and Savannah River. These comments were forwarded to Bill for disposition. The document is formatted so that it parallels the training direction. Bill has structured the document into six sections: Introduction, Identifying Hazards, Immediate Actions, Notify Authorities, Technical Operation Information, and Reference/General Information. He has also made cosmetic changes. It is anticipated that within 7-10 days a comprehensive draft will be ready to put on the WEB (pdf format) for further review. TEC home page may be used as the location.

NFPA STANDARD 472:

Chief Gordon Veerman mentioned that a Union Pacific representative had expressed concern during a conference call with Clyde Hyder and Jim Cruickshank that there was too much detail contained in the first-responder awareness level area. A meeting will be held next week to discuss this further. It was also recommended, and agreed, that the different levels should not be included in the module titles. The training module structure and levels of training information will be addressed in the forward that will be included with each module.

UPCOMING SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

Ella McNeil stated a special Training Topic Group meeting is required in order to discuss module completion in preparation for approval at the July TEC/WG meeting. Other 'future direction' items such as merging the Medical Issues Topic Group into our Group, will also be discussed. Two full days will be required to address all the issues. This meeting has been tentatively arranged to be held in Denver, Colorado on May 18-19. Funding has been identified for this meeting.

STATUS OF ACTION ITEMS:

Vendor information regarding 'inflatable' casks was discussed. Due to the cost, and especially the cost of shipping, it was recommended this item be tabled and discussed at the May meeting. One option suggested was to procure 3-4 inflatable casks and strategically locate them throughout the United States. The entire go-kit issue needs to be addressed such as contents, do we need to procure other inflatable-type casks, etc. Fiberglass casks were also mentioned as a possibility.

ACTIONS:

Action	Who	When
Submit training module title suggestions	Members	2/24/99
Submit comments on Bill Ruting supplemental rad guidebook	Members	2/22/99
Email attendance preference for special Group meeting May 18-19	Members	ASAP
Email 'action' note to members of above 3 items	LaRue	Complete

Next conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 1999
at 12:00 p.m. PST.