

TRAINING RESOURCES IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY

Free (or low cost) training for public employees (and many mobile trainings free for private sector as well)

A MESSAGE FROM SHERRY COLGAN STONE:

I compiled this list (although it is available on-line in several places) to provide one more “go-to” resource for those attending my trainings. I am amazed that many public employees do not know about the incredible free or low cost opportunities available for training in the areas of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. As you research the locations below, I have placed a couple notes for your consideration. From my understanding there are restrictions for Federal employees in attending these trainings. If you are a federal employee, you will need to read about the restrictions on the consortium member’s website. If you are in the private sector – there is a possibility they will

To host a Mobile Training at your agency or to attend a Resident Course you will need to complete the application process provided on the Consortium Member or EMI’s website, and also get approval through your State Point of Contact.

The Consortium Members and EMI provide one or more of the following types of training:

- *Resident Courses* - Resident Courses conducted at training the consortium member’s training facility.
- *Mobile/Non-Resident Training Courses* - Mobile training teams that deliver courses at your agency's training facility. In order to host these trainings, you need to guarantee a certain number of attendees (normally 20-35 depending on the training).
- *Online Courses* - Online DHS/FEMA certified courses.



FEMA - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (EMI)

<http://www.training.fema.gov/emicourses/>

To support the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA’s goals by improving the competencies of the U.S. officials in Emergency Management at all levels of government to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the potential effects of all types of disasters and emergencies on the American people.

- EMI is the emergency management community’s flagship training institution, and provides training to Federal, State, local, tribal, volunteer, public, and private sector officials to strengthen emergency management core competencies for professional, career-long training.
- EMI directly supports the implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the National Response Framework (NRF), the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF), and the National Preparedness Goal (NPG) by conveying necessary knowledge and skills to improve the nation’s capability.
- EMI trains more than 2 million students annually. Training delivery systems include residential onsite training; offsite delivery in partnership with emergency management training systems, colleges, universities; and technology-based mediums to conduct individual training courses for emergency management personnel across the Nation.
- EMI is located on the campus of the National Emergency Training Center (NETC), Emmitsburg, Maryland.

National Domestic Preparedness Consortium

<https://www.ndpc.us/>

The National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC) is a partnership of several nationally recognized organizations whose membership is based on the urgent need to address the counter-terrorism preparedness needs of the nation's emergency first responders within the context of all hazards including chemical, biological, radiological, and explosive Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) hazards. The following organizations make up the Consortium:



CENTER FOR DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS (CDP)

Expertise: Prevention, deterrence and response to CBRNE hazards and healthcare/public health mass casualty

<https://cdp.dhs.gov/>

FEMA's Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP), located in Anniston, Alabama, is the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS)'s only federally chartered Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training center.

The CDP began operations in June 1998 as the only all-hazards training center, offering training on Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) weapons. While the training tempo has increased dramatically, the CDP's training programs provide the very best in advanced hands-on training for America's emergency responders. On March 31, 2007, the Noble Training Facility (NTF) was transferred from the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to the CDP. NTF is the only hospital facility in the United States dedicated to training hospital and healthcare professionals in disaster preparedness and response.

Notes from S. Stone: CDP has Mobile and Resident courses at no charge to your agency – they are DHS/FEMA funded. They fly you out to CDP, house you, feed you and provide excellent training. I have attended the Resident Courses: Technical Emergency Response Training for CBRNE Incidents (TERT), Incident Command: Planning and Response Actions for All Hazards, Hands On Training for CBRNE Incidents (HOT) and the Pandemic Influenza Planning courses – all of them EXCELLENT. Just remember that any training that you attend that has you enter the COBRA facility, means that you will suit up in PPEs and go into chambers with VX, Sarin and, now, I believe Anthrax, which also means that you get a blood draw at the beginning and the end of the training. You can opt out, but that is one of the components of the course. I have attended many of CDP's Mobile Training – all excellent.



THE ENERGETIC MATERIALS RESEARCH AND TESTING CENTER (EMRTC) - NEW MEXICO TECH

Expertise: Explosive and incendiary attacks

<http://www.emrtc.nmt.edu/index.php/training>

The Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center (EMRTC) at New Mexico Tech (NMT) is the consortium's lead partner for explosives, live explosives, and incendiary devices training.

Founded in 1889 as the New Mexico School of Mines, NMT has evolved into a research-oriented public university specializing in science and engineering. The institution has earned a worldwide reputation for the quality of its research and academic programs. The campus of NMT is located 70 miles south of Albuquerque, NM. EMRTC's additional training site, Playas Training and Research Center, is located in the southwestern corner of New Mexico.

As a major department of New Mexico Tech, EMRTC traces its roots back to the development of the variable timing fuse — commonly known as the proximity fuse — during World War II. In the past 60 years, the department has grown to a highly regarded research, development, test, and evaluation complex. Currently, EMRTC is a close knit team of more than 100 highly experienced professionals who on a yearly basis perform 200-300 in-depth scientific investigations and studies involving energetic materials. EMRTC offers the consortium a unique blend of facilities, expertise, training development, and research opportunities.

Notes from S. Stone: I attended mobile PRSBI and IRTB. And the Resident PRSBI course. Great courses. They will bring the courses out to your agency – but you don't get to see their explosion demonstrations.



NATIONAL CENTER FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING (NCBRT)

Expertise: Biological, law enforcement, and agroterrorism response

<https://www.ncbirt.lsu.edu/>

The National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT), Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education at Louisiana State University (LSU) is a founding member of the NDPC. The NCBRT has been involved in the development and delivery of training and related efforts in support of the Office for State and Local Domestic Preparedness Support since 1998, and now for the Office for Grants and Training (G&T). Since that time, the NCBRT has developed many courses and delivered them for the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security, Justice, Health and Human Services, and Agriculture, as well as for State and local jurisdictions, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. Courses deal with Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), counter-terrorism, and high consequence events, for all disciplines including emergency management, law enforcement (including tactical operations), HazMat teams, public health, EMS, hospital, agricultural, and others. The NCBRT has also developed and delivered numerous workshops and seminars, developed scenarios and exercises, and has provided technical assistance to governmental and non-governmental entities. Not only are the capabilities of the NCBRT wide and deep, but they can be readily augmented by the scientists, researchers, and educators available from LSU, the flagship University of Louisiana.

Notes from S. Stone: Attended some of NCBRT's first generation courses (which have since be renamed and modified). All courses were excellent.



THE NEVADA TEST SITE'S COUNTER TERRORISM OPERATIONS SUPPORT PROGRAM (NTS/CTOS)

Expertise: Prevention and response to radiological/nuclear attacks

<http://www.ctosnnsa.org/>

The U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Nevada Site Office (NSO) runs the historic Nevada Test Site (NTS) located some 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas. NSO is a charter member of the NDPC, and has been involved in the development and delivery of radiological/nuclear (rad/nuc) training since 1998.

NNSA/NSO provides weapons of mass destruction (WMD) training to teach first responders to detect, prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from terrorist acts through research, development, test and evaluation, training, and intelligence support activities. These training courses and exercises are conducted at the NTS, in municipality-hosted locations via Mobile Training Teams (MTTs), and online.

The Nevada Test Site's Counter Terrorism Operations Support Program (NTS/CTOS) conducts this training for the NSO. NTS/CTOS has developed and delivered six different courses dealing with response to, and prevention of radiological and nuclear WMD for a variety of disciplines. These disciplines include emergency management, fire service, law enforcement, HazMat teams, public health, EMS, hospital "first receivers", and others.

Notes from S. Stone: Attended mobile training courses AWR-140: WMD Radiological/Nuclear Awareness Course and PER-240: WMD Radiological/Nuclear Responder Operations Course. Both courses are excellent. AWR-140 is probably sufficient for most emergency managers.



TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER, INC., SECURITY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING CENTER

Expertise: Prevention, deterrence response and recover to explosive related events

<http://www.aar.com/>

The TTCI training approach, a proven, focused curricula combining classroom and laboratory training with contiguous full-scale hands-on field exercises for preparing first responders, has attracted new programs for additional surface transportation security and emergency response training from government agencies.

In 2006, TTCI began training the incoming TSA (Transportation Security Administration) surface transportation security inspectors in basic railroad operations and safety practices, a program that has continued to grow. On August 3, 2007, TTCI received congressional authorization as a Member of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC). TTCI was subsequently designated within NDPC as the National Center for Emergency Response in Surface Transportation.

Heavy freight transport systems remain our core operation, offering advanced first responder training to government and private sectors with open enrollment and contract classes. These activities will continue to grow and expand along with the new emphasis on security issues, an increased emphasis on passenger rail and encompassing complementary infrastructure integrity research.

Notes from S. Stone: I have never attended any of these courses, but have heard great things about them. On-line and Mobile courses are at no charge to host agency – they are DHS/FEMA funded. There is a charge for resident courses, but definitely worth a look if they serve an area of need.

TEEX, NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RESCUE TRAINING CENTER (NERRTC)

Expertise: Cybersecurity, crisis communications, executive and elected officials education, hazardous materials awareness and operations, health and medical services, incident management, infrastructure protection, search and rescue, threat and risk assessment, and training gap analyses

<https://teex.org/Pages/homeland-security.aspx>

The NERRTC's mission is to design, develop, and deliver training, exercises, and technical assistance for the nation's emergency responders. NERRTC combines traditional classroom work, small group instruction, field exercises, participant activities, case studies and vignettes, multimedia scenarios, and computer-aided training and exercise simulations to train individuals and jurisdictions.

NEERTC is a center of excellence within the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), one of the largest providers of workforce training in the nation since 1919. TEEX is known for its innovative, customized programs, including hands-on and on-site training. TEEX is a state agency of the Texas A&M System. It is headquartered in College Station, TX with seven regional training centers and offices located around the state of Texas. These facilities support nine agency components, all of which offer workforce training in particular subject areas, and collaborate to provide TEEX customers with a seamless training venue. TEEX courses are taught locally throughout the state, at customer facilities, and at TEEX-approved locations both nationally and internationally.

Notes from S. Stone: TEEX has several great Mobile trainings that they will bring to your site if you provide at least 30 attendees. TEEX has one resident training that you can attend for free. The resident training is “Enhanced All-Hazards Incident Management/Unified Command Training. I have attended many TEEX trainings – all excellent. You won’t be disappointed!



NATIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING CENTER AT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII (NDPTC)

Expertise: Natural disasters, coastal communities, islands & territories & underserved at-risk populations

<https://ndptc.hawaii.edu/>

The center provides high quality disaster training to ensure that island communities throughout the Pacific are ready and able to respond, recover, and reconstruct after catastrophes. U.H. has one of seven federally funded FEMA National Domestic Preparedness sites nationwide.

Notes from S. Stone: I have never attended any of NDPTC’s trainings, but have heard great things about them. I believe all training is Mobile. They do not hold Resident trainings. Trainings include Natural Disaster Awareness for Community Leaders, Hurricane Awareness, Tornado Awareness, Social Media for Natural Disasters Response and Recovery, etc.

