



Center For Domestic Preparedness

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The threats faced by the nation's emergency responders are diverse, deadly, and complex. There is growing concern that chemical, biological, explosive, radiological, or other hazardous materials will become terrorists' weapons of choice.

The **Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP)** opened its doors in June 1998, as a training center for the Nation's emergency responders.



The CDP's mission is to train emergency response providers from state, local, and tribal governments, as well as the Federal government, foreign governments, and private entities, as available. The scope of training includes preparedness, protection, and response.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security fully funds CDP training for state, local, and tribal responders. CDP training is also available for International, Federal, and private sector responders who may participate on a space available, fee-for-service basis.

Training partnerships at the Federal and state levels enable the CDP staff to take advantage of shared knowledge, to ensure the Nation's responders receive the most up-to-date training.

The CDP's interdisciplinary courses promote greater understanding among these diverse responder disciplines: Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Service, Governmental Administrative, Hazardous Materials, Healthcare, Law Enforcement, Public Health, Public Safety Communications, and Public Works.

At the **Chemical, Ordnance, Biological, and Radiological Training Facility (COBRATF)**, the CDP offers the only program in the nation featuring civilian training exercises in a toxic chemical agent environment, including biological

materials. The advanced hands-on training enables responders to effectively respond to real-world

incidents involving chemical, biological, explosive, radiological, or other hazardous materials. Responders serve as the Nation's first line of defense and deserve the highest-quality training available.

The **Noble Training Facility (NTF)** a former Army Hospital is now a training site for health and medical education in disasters, to include both acts of terrorism and manmade disasters.



The NTF is the only hospital facility in the United States dedicated solely to training hospital and healthcare professionals in disaster preparedness and response. The facility includes classrooms, breakout rooms, exercise and simulation areas, a resource center, computer lab, and two prototype mass casualty decontamination-training lanes.

The **Advanced Responder Training Complex (ARTC)** offers a cross-section of environments found in any



community throughout the nation. The complex provides responders with a

realistic training environment, to exercise the skills acquired during training. The ARTC includes a remodeled industrial park complex with simulated office space, medical clinic, fast food restaurant, facility maintenance, biomedical laboratory, calibration laboratory, shipping/receiving office, subway rail system and indoor street scene.

Responders from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories have trained at the CDP.

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.