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Training Venue Fact Sheet: Subway System

The Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) is continually updating its training venues to increase realism in the training environment, which is why the CDP subway system was created. The CDP recognized the importance and relevance of training students to respond to a public transit system incident. The subway features four full-size rail cars complete with lighting, seating, a pedestrian platform, and commercial signage. One car is structurally damaged, which contains debris and other hazards associated with a tunnel collapse. Students are challenged with simulated electrical hazards, locating hazardous materials, rescuing injured survivors, and mitigating other hazards to assist in the incident response.



All of the rail cars are equipped with video cameras, smoke generators, and have sound effect capabilities, which are managed by the CDP staff from a control room. The subway system is adaptable and can simulate a street or underground scene. This flexibility allows the CDP to provide a more advanced training environment, based on student needs and abilities. The subway is capable of exercising an all-hazards Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) incident, and can vary from a biological-hazard attack to an accidental chemical spill.

The CDP subway training venue supports multiple disciplines to include law enforcement, hazardous materials technicians, and emergency medical services.