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Emergency responders attending the Technical Emergency Response Training (TERT) course sample for the possible detection of the biological material, Ricin. These students worked with biological materials, Ricin and Anthrax, and also nerve agents, GB and VX, during their course.

Multi-Discipline Training Provides Skills at All Levels

The Technical Emergency Response Training (TERT) course is the foundation training class at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP), located in Anniston, Ala. TERT, originally titled ‘Advanced Operations’, has a legacy stretching nearly 15 years—its beginning traced to the CDP’s founding in June 1998.

In the early days of the Advanced Operations course only traditional response disciplines – such as fire, EMS, and law enforcement – attended the training. In May 1999 the course was renamed the “COBRA Course,” to underscore the unique facility and training at the Chemical, Ordnance, Biological, and Radiological (COBRA) Training Facility. The COBRA Course was redesigned in 2000 which included expanding the target audience to add emergency management, healthcare, public health, public communications, public works, and government administrative special-

ists. “The TERT course extended preparedness levels throughout emergency response, said Rick Dickson, associate director of CDP Training Programs. “The course supports the all-hazards approach to emergency management in that its competency based training for the emergency response community, whether they are police officers or EMTs. This is one of the courses where a diverse group of emergency responders receive training in a toxic environment using nerve agents GB and VX, because in a real-world event, you are going to have multiple disciplines responding to the emergency, and they need to understand the complexities of safely operating in the environment,” Dickson explained.

The COBRA

Initially titled from the CDP’s unique training site, the COBRA Class, now known as TERT, remains the most highly

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attended course at the CDP that allows students to train in the toxic agent training facility.

More than 16,000 emergency responders have taken the course since its inception in 1998. The CDP has hosted almost 400 TERT courses, averaging around 1,100 graduates per year. The course integrates emergency responders and receivers from multiple disciplines and multiple jurisdictions in a realistic training environment that gives the students a better understanding of each discipline's capabilities, roles, and responsibilities in catastrophic events.

"The opportunity for emergency responders to train with other disciplines is a key benefit of the TERT course," said Dickson. "This course highlights techniques, tactics, and technologies from across the response community. TERT affords participants an opportunity to expand their knowledge,

and experience level regardless of their discipline. It enables students, from any discipline, to learn critical skills, regardless of their experience level."

One training venue used in the course is Northville, a fictional town at the COBRA facility that resembles a movie set. When training in Northville, the students are required to react to a realistic scenario involving a mock chemical or biological release that threatens the community's population. Northville includes a school house, fire department, shopping and eating venues, and a police station.

The COBRA is the only place in the nation where civilian emergency responders can train in an actual



Emergency responders enter the toxic training area of the Chemical, Ordnance, Biological, Radiological (COBRA) Training Facility at the CDP. The wall hangings are new features depicting a shopping mall scene.

nerve agent environment. More than a year ago, the COBRA significantly expanded its capabilities, as well as those of the TERT course. Now, in addition to training in an actual toxic chemical environment, students also train in a biologically hazardous environment, which, according to Dickson, gives the students experience in locating and

identifying this very real threat.

Biological Materials

In February 2012, the CDP began using biological agents at the COBRA Training Facility. Now repeated on a weekly basis, the TERT course, along with four other courses, includes biological materials. The CDP uses anthrax and ricin, providing hands-on, detailed training for what has been identified as a major national threat.

The use of biological materials in training expands the nation's preparedness by introducing the emergency-response community to real-world threats by building their confidence and knowledge to safely and confidently respond. Over the past year, almost 1,000 emergency responders have taken the TERT course. Each student takes this hands-on experience back to their home jurisdiction to provide a response force more prepared to deal with modern threats, Dickson said.

"It feels awesome to complete the COBRA training," said Julie Melton, an emergency room medical technician from Hemet, Calif. "Working with biological



Nerve agent is poured onto a chilled plate prior to training at the COBRA. Students will learn sampling methods to safely detect deadly chemical agents.

material and chemical agents was scary, but interesting and the best training—I am better prepared. Not many people get to do this. I am very proud of my TERT certificate.”

The TERT course offers an opportunity for students to receive operational training necessary to respond to acts of terrorism. Although the training is modeled after a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) response, it also includes activities associated with all-hazards



A liquid slurry version of the biological material Anthrax is applied near a leaking package inside a mock mailroom used in COBRA training.

events caused by accidents or natural disasters.

Professional Development

The four-day course features more than 30 hours of training and provides responders with experience operating in various levels of personal protective equipment. The CDP is an authorized provider under the International Association for Continuing Education and Training; with TERT offering 3.2 hours of Continu-

ing Education Units (CEUs).

“Not only do our students receive the most up-to-date training on current threats, they have an opportunity to complete training required by the jurisdiction or profession,” said Dickson. “Relevant training is a priority, and offering nationally recognized CEUs, is an appealing factor.”

In addition to classroom instruction, the TERT course provides students with important information featuring a summary of terrorist threats and potential targets. TERT also includes extensive hands-on exercises in decontamination, mass casualty triage, and survey and monitoring.

Confidence

Biological and Chemical threats have painted challenges for the national preparedness picture. Multiple homeland security studies have pointed to the United States’ weakness against WMD materials, particularly in the area of biological materials. The TERT course provides an answer for better preparedness by provid-

ing the town, state or tribe with a more confident responder in the field.

TERT graduates highlight the confidence gained during training. Graduates reflect

on their ability to respond to a hazardous environment, knowing they can perform capably and their equipment will work effectively, ensuring their safety and survival.

“The TERT course prepares you for reality,” said Edtismond Johnson, a fire fighter from Chicago. “I am able to meet my department’s hazardous material goals through attending this training, and also deal with homeland security threats. It’s a little scary, but if the students listen to their instructors and pays attention, they will be more comfortable. I am definitely more confident.”

“This training was very thorough and intense,” said Melton. “This training was an eye-opener and forces us to look at events in the world differently [so that we can] focus on preparedness. I learned new techniques that I will put to use in my department; and I feel more confident with my skills.”



Syringes containing nerve agents, GB and VX, are prepared prior to agent operations at the COBRA. Agent pourers use the syringes to safely apply the toxic chemicals during training.

Enrollment and Funding

CDP training focuses on incident management, mass casualty response, and emergency response to catastrophic natural disasters or terrorist acts. CDP training for state, local, and tribal responders is fully funded by the Department of Homeland Security

TERT provides diverse training suitable for response disciplines responsible for operating in a contaminated environment. The course is conducted on an operational level and is performance-driven, focusing on potential real-world incidents. The TERT course serves as the foundation for many of the 40-plus courses offered at the CDP. The center’s training and curriculum staffs constantly review course materials to ensure CDP training is current and relevant, based on new doctrine, the changing threat, and the needs of the response community.

For more information about the TERT course or other CDP training, visit <http://cdp.dhs.gov> or call 1-866-213-9553.

CDP News

Tampa Police Department Uses CDP Training During RNC



Officers from the Tampa Police Department (TPD) stand prepared to protect the rights of citizens and protesters during the 2012 Republican National Convention (RNC). TPD leadership worked with the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP), in Anniston, Ala., to assist them in assessing their needs and providing critical training necessary to prepare for the event and maintain the safety and security of the public and local property. (Photo Courtesy of TPD)

TAMPA, Fla.—When Tampa, Fla., was identified as the location for the 2012 Republican National Convention (RNC), the Tampa Police Department (TPD) wasted no time assessing their preparedness for an event of that size and of such national importance. TPD expected thousands of groups to rally in the city during the RNC, and with no formal training in crowd control or response to large civil disorders, they realized they had a potential problem area. TPD leadership contacted the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP), in Anniston, Ala., to assist them in assessing their needs and providing critical training necessary to prepare for the event and maintain the safety and security of the public and local property.

“We formed a 1,900-person Crowd Management Group based on the Field Force training from the CDP,” said TPD Major Brian Dugan, who runs Tampa’s Criminal Investigative Division and was placed in charge of crowd control preparation for the RNC. “While we’ve

hosted large-scale events in the past, preparation for a National Special Security Event required additional training.”

TPD and Tampa leadership attended a variety of training sessions that not only provided hands-on training, but offered executive-level courses to key personnel involved in the city’s preparation.

“City leaders attended a command and planning course, which provided a glimpse on what to expect from protesters,” said Dugan. “Large crowds can impact all governmental components and not just a police function.”

Training began in June 2011. When training was complete, a few months ahead of the RNC, the CDP had delivered 25 Field Force Operations (FFO) courses to Tampa’s law enforcement personnel. The programs were delivered through the CDP’s mentor program which incorporated TPD trainers into the delivery process. The mentor program serves as a force multiplier

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NE Tennessee Hospitals Benefit From CDP Training

Beginning in late 2011, 10 hospitals from north-east Tennessee contacted the CDP. The intent was to determine if CDP training could address a weakness they had identified in their ability to treat contaminated patients. The hospital system's goal was to establish mobile decontamination teams based on CDP training.

The 10 facilities sent 37 employees to the CDP's Hospital Emergency Response Training for Mass Casualty Incidents (HERT) course and the HERT Train-the-Trainer course. The HERT course is designed to prepare hospitals to conduct safe and effective emergency medical response to a mass casualty incident, while the train-the-trainer course allowed the graduates to deliver CDP training programs in their home jurisdiction and maintain a capable response team. The CDP continues to provide technical oversight and administrative assistance to the program.

The hospitals have since trained an additional 88 healthcare employees and established two Regional Decontamination Rapid Response Teams reflecting CDP training. In 2012, the northeast region outfitted two decontamination (decon) response trailers. These trailers are strategically located at separate facilities for rapid deployment to requesting regional hospitals.

"We've also developed notification procedures and a response team activation policy," said Brenda Greene, regional hospital coordinator for northeast Tennessee. "Hospital planners revisited or developed decontamination procedures and policies, resulting from the CDP course. The hospitals in our region not only feel better prepared, but are better prepared to respond to a [chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive] incident."

The HERT course requires hospital employees—anyone on staff—to become familiar with decontamination procedures. These procedures not only protect the employees and patients, but also prevent a hospital from the cross-contamination that occurs when disaster survivors enter a hospital before decontamination.

This capability is required by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) that requires health care facilities to be prepared in the event contaminated patients arrive at the hospital.

"Prior to the HERT course we identified the need to have trained members for decon response, to protect our staff, protect the facility, and treat patients who have been contaminated," said Greene. "Since returning from Anns-ton, and following our training here locally, we have noticed interest from other employees requesting to become part of the response process."

The regional facilities also discovered a need to standardize training within their system. Based on new operating procedures, training standards, and modified decontamination plans, more than 120 healthcare employees, representing 10 hospitals, are trained in lifesaving decontamination procedures,

and have the capability to integrate with other teams, trained to the same standards.

"Attending CDP training, representing multiple facilities, increased the awareness of hospitals willing to work together throughout many communities," said Greene. "The training also heightened awareness to upper management who saw a purpose and results. Support for the courses and the acquisition of new equipment is a true benefit."

"The CDP routinely works with leadership and train-



A nurse from Tennessee decontaminates a simulated patient during a mass casualty exercise at the CDP. Ten hospitals representing the northeast region of Tennessee sent 37 employees to the CDP's Hospital Emergency Response Training for Mass Casualty Incidents (HERT) course to address a key training need. The CDP routinely works with local jurisdictions to identify training solutions to their operational shortfalls and improve response capabilities.

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by partnering the CDP instructors with TPD trainers to train a larger volume of participants, and by leaving the department with skilled trainers for refresher and sustainment training in the future. FFO provides law enforcement the knowledge to successfully employ crowd control measures during civil disorders.

“A huge component of our success was directly related to CDP training,” said Dugan.

Demonstrations during the convention ranged from small to large, exceeding 400 people at times, said Dugan. He explained that the CDP training provided law enforcement on the street the discipline and knowledge to safely approach protesters and communicate effectively. He said some protests could become uncivil simply because law enforcement and protesters weren’t communicating.

“The training was clearly beneficial and exposed us to different methods of policing during large security events like the RNC,” Dugan said. “The FFO training helped us manage our force more effectively and understand demonstrator tactics.”

The CDP training focuses on incident management, mass casualty response, and emergency response to a catastrophic natural disaster or terrorist act. CDP training for state, local, and tribal responders is fully funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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ing managers, representing local jurisdictions and organizations, to help them identify training that meets a need or assists to correct a deficiency,” said Rick Dickson, associate director of Training and Education, at the CDP. “Training that meets requirements and improves operations and capabilities is the end result we hope all CDP training produces.”

The CDP training focuses on incident management, mass casualty response, and emergency response to a catastrophic natural disaster or terrorist act. Health-care courses are provided at the Noble Training Facility (NTF). The former U.S. Army hospital was converted into a training site for health and medical education in disasters and mass casualty events. It serves as the only hospital in the U.S. dedicated solely to training.

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Mini ICE Takes Hefty Approach to Integrate Courses, Cohorts

Sirens wail as ambulances deliver more patients to the makeshift decontamination site set up outside the hospital’s emergency department entrance. Medics and hospital staffers race to triage the new patients. It’s a nightmare scenario that everyone prays never happens—but you have to be prepared to face. And, that’s exactly what these medics, nurses, doctors and other specialists are doing: Training at FEMA’s Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) for a scenario they hope they never have to face.

In March 2012, the CDP, located in Anniston, Ala., conducted its first Integrated Capstone Event (ICE). The ICE is a unique training approach that allows the CDP to combine multiple courses in a single end-of-course exercise. ICE events may include students from 10 different disciplines —ranging from law enforcement to healthcare – to interact, communicate, and respond to a full-impact mass casualty incident.

Over the past few years, the CDP has identified pro-

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Top five states that have received CDP resident training since 1998: California, Alabama, Texas, New York, and Florida. Top five states that have received CDP resident training in FY 2013: Alabama, California, Texas, Illinois, and Florida. The largest number of resident courses completed at the CDP (by a single student) is 56 courses. Based on course completions, the Hazardous Materials Technician for CBRNE Incidents (HT) course is the most popular among CDP students. The CDP has trained emergency responders from 29 countries, and Israel has the largest number of CDP graduates.

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Healthcare professionals in the Healthcare Leadership (HCL) for Mass Casualty Incidents course assess symptoms and injuries on a patient simulator during a recent Integrated Capstone Event (ICE), at the CDP. The HCL course integrated with the Hospital Emergency Response Training (HERT) for Mass Casualty Incidents course during the exercise.

Professional groups from single organizations and/or regions that want specific training to meet organizational shortfalls, meet certification requirements, or spark improvements. To further enhance the learning environment, the CDP has crafted smaller versions of ICE, mini ICEs, that are tailored to the needs of a cohort, but include students from only one or two courses. The most recent mini ICE trained students from two healthcare courses—Healthcare Leadership (HCL) and Hospital Emergency Response Training (HERT) for Mass Casualty Incidents. Students from the HERT course integrated with the HCL course during the exercise.

“I attended with three other coworkers. When organizations send multiple employees to courses that include the ICE component, staffs are immersed in a dynamic multi-disciplinary learning environment that is typically not achieved by exercises at our home institutions,” said J.T. Flick, emergency manager for Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, N.Y. “Not only does it provide consistent training environments and mate-

rial, but it also is a great team building opportunity for staff that typically has little interaction.”

“The CDP will conduct full-scale ICE events quarterly and offer mini ICE scenarios throughout the year,” said Denis Campeau, the CDP’s Director of Training and Education. “Both ICE versions provide a training experience unlike a typical exercise and allow emergency responders to mix with colleagues from other agencies.”

This ICE utilized the CDP’s Noble Training Facility (NTF). More than 17,000 healthcare professionals have received NTF training since the hospital joined CDP training in early 2007. The NTF is the nation’s only hospital facility dedicated solely to preparing the healthcare, public health, and environmental health communities for mass casualty events.

“The Integrated Capstone Event [ICE] combines multiple courses in a final culminating exercise that promotes an interdisciplinary response to a mass casualty incident,” said Mallory Lowe, ICE development lead at the CDP. “The mini ICE provides opportunities for jurisdictions and organizations to exercise multiple

elements together. Additionally, we can adapt the mini ICE to the jurisdiction’s training needs and desired exercise objectives.”

“The mini ICE was very beneficial. I’m walking away from this experience with a tremendous awareness of how response agencies and their emergency responders come together,” said Richard Hilton, administrator and CEO at OCH Regional Medical Center, in Starkeville, Miss.

“The ICE training demonstrates the need to work jointly, having the ability to

communicate with all branches of response and meet the community’s emergency safety needs,” added Hilton. “Healthcare plays a critical role in mass casualty response. Understanding what resources and assets are available and the speed in which these are received only improves the ability for delivery of life-saving quality care.”



Emergency responders attending the Hospital Emergency Response Training (HERT) for Mass Casualty Incidents course decontaminate simulated survivors and rush them to waiting hospital personnel attending the Healthcare Leadership (HCL) for Mass Casualty Incidents course. These responders participated in the CDP’s Integrated Capstone Event (ICE).

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Long Beach Police Train for Hazardous Threats, Expand Knowledge for Department

Five police officers from Long Beach, Calif., recently attended training at the CDP. The officers enrolled in three courses with a goal to increase their knowledge in response to a toxic agent or biological incident. The CDP training allows the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) to remain current with California safety mandates and lays the foundation for future training opportunities through the CDP's academy training program.

"We have 800 officers in our department that require this type of training," said Sgt. Ryan Lebaron, LBPD training coordinator. "Attending these CDP courses provides us a credible background to deliver training at home following the Train-the-Trainer course we plan to take next."

Of the three courses, two are focused on law enforcement response—the Law Enforcement Protective Measures (LEPM) and Law Enforcement Response Actions (LERA) courses. These CDP courses provide instruction on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) related topics that include terrorist tactics and targeting, as well as hands-on training designed to improve chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive or CBRNE-specific response skills. The final course of the week is an eight hour class called Hands-On Training (HOT) for CBRNE Incidents.

"This training provides a great deal of knowledge to safely respond to a hazardous incident," added Lebaron. "It also provides refresher skills to properly manage a contaminated crime scene and abilities to triage and decontaminate survivors if



Five officers from the Long Beach Police Department, in California, recently attended the Law Enforcement Protective Measures (LEPM) and Law Enforcement Response Actions (LERA) courses at the CDP. Pictured left to right: Officers Todd Jenkins, Juan Fajardo, Conrad Penn, Chris Martin, and Ryan Lebaron.

needed. When we are able to provide training at home, it will be beneficial for all of our officers, and the public we serve."

The LEPM and LERA are both one-day courses, and the HOT course requires a day at the CDP's toxic agent facility—the Chemical, Ordnance, Biological and Radiological (COBRA) Training Facility. The COBRA Training Facility offers the only program in the nation featuring emergency response training exercises using

toxic chemical agents and biological materials. The experience teaches graduates how to effectively prevent, respond to, and recover from incidents involving chemical weapons and other hazardous materials.

"The confidence we gained in our equipment is a major take-away," said Lebaron. "It is one thing to be told how we should perform certain procedures, but until you get the first-hand experience [working with actual

toxic chemicals] you are not fully confident. Taking this knowledge home is a win-win for our department."

The end goal for the LBPD is to sustain skills, response actions and protective measures learned during the training for their department. Ultimately, they plan to deliver

classes at the basic level—teaching these skills to police recruits during academy training.



Five police officers from the Long Beach Police Department, in California, respond to a scenario using a lightly smoked mock court room, inside a simulated federal building. These officers attended training at the CDP, including the CDP's toxic agent facility—the Chemical, Ordnance, Biological and Radiological (COBRA) Training Facility. The COBRA Training Facility offers the only program in the nation featuring emergency response training exercises using toxic chemical agents and biological materials.

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CDP Instructor Awarded Bret W. Carlson Memorial Award

When you first hear his name you ask for clarity. But, he's quick to make introductions as, "Hello, I'm Rob Low, not the actor." Rob Low walks the halls at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) on top of his game, smiling, showing a curious look, with a sense of humor found among fire fighters, having worked as one for 25 years and now training them.

He is not the actor, but nevertheless, he is known from classroom to classroom, throughout the growing CDP training environment. Low works for SAIC and came to the CDP in May 2010, following 25 years in the Florida fire service—he retired as a division chief and is now the lead instructor in the Hazardous Materials department, managing eight separate courses provided to emergency responders.

Over the past few weeks his popularity has grown, following his selection for the SAIC Bret W. Carlson Memorial Instructional Excellence Award. Bret Carlson joined SAIC in 2006. According to award background information, he displayed leadership, mentorship, loyalty, dedication, and instructional excellence. Carlson was committed to education, continued learning, and high professional standards. He passed away in 2009.

This award recognizes SAIC employees who have demonstrated instructional excellence in training or training development. Low was selected among approximately 1,000 eligible SAIC employees and epitomizes the virtues necessary to succeed and lead in a training environment.

"I've always been inspired by training and ensuring it is as realistic and practical as possible," said Low. "The CDP provides me a variety of venues that makes training real—it makes sense. We don't create unrealistic scenarios...we take training to the next level. This award is a product of our innovative HazMat staff, not just one single person. I would not be successful without my training team."

"We congratulate Rob on the receipt of the instructional excellence award," said Chuck Medley, CDP training management branch chief. "This award is a fitting legacy of the memory of Bret Carlson and what Rob has done for SAIC and the nation."

Low was presented the award during a ceremony at SAIC's Abington, Md. office in February. The nomination was based on Low's ability to not only act as a hazardous materials subject matter expert, but also to use his experience and knowledge to create unique training venues mirroring real-life situations.

"As a course manager, Rob was given several course challenges following his arrival at the CDP, a few years ago," said Eddie Hulsey, SAIC project manager. "He set a course to revive several stale courses to include answering requests from the field to develop a hazardous materials technician course that was relevant to modern response. Rob's technology recommendations and facility enhancement plans took a course from three days to five days creating a realistic training environment within our current facility—and this is only one achievement."

"It is an honor to accept this award for all CDP instructional staff," said Low. "Bret Carlson led an inspiring life and was devoted to training. I am very humbled and was honored to meet Bret's widow, who was present for the award. Bret's high standards for training are shared daily at the CDP among our entire staff. I am just fortunate enough to hold the award—but we all deserve it."

Low was presented a marble statuette engraved with his name and the SAIC logo, bearing Bret Carlson's name, and an inscription reading "Training Development Excellence."

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Rob Low, Hazardous Materials department, lead instructor, displays the marble statuette he was awarded for training excellence.



Rob Low, Hazardous Materials department, lead instructor, addresses students attending the Hazardous Materials Technician for CBRNE Incidents course.

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Indirect Trainers Recognized for Training Excellence

The CDP Indirect Training Program is designed to efficiently offer courses in a responder's home jurisdiction. Through qualified Train-the-Trainer (TtT) programs, CDP graduates deliver specific TtT courses to their home organization and neighboring response units.

Recently, the CDP recognized more than 35 Authorized Trainers for their efforts and success to provide critical instruction to emergency responders in their home jurisdictions recently. These trainers, representing 23 states, are often fulltime emergency responders and the CDP understands that delivering this training is demanding and time consuming.

The CDP recognizes three levels of indirect trainers for each fiscal year (Oct. 1- Sept. 30). The Bronze level is recognized for instructing 100 or more students or 10 classes, Silver level is 200 or more students or 15 classes, and Gold level is 300 or more students or 20 classes. This recognition is based on high performance and a dedication to preparedness and response.

Altogether for 2012, the CDP awarded 30 Bronze, two Silver, and five Gold trainers. All CDP graduates accomplishing this training excellence were presented embroidered collared shirts and a framed certificate, while the Silver level also included a silver flashlight, and Gold level included an embroidered jacket.

Gold Level Authorized Trainer: Qualified by teaching 20 classes or 300 students in a given fiscal year.

Silver Level Authorized Trainer: Qualified by teaching 15 classes or 200 students in a given fiscal year.

Bronze Level Authorized Trainer: Qualified by teaching 10 classes or 100 students in a given fiscal year.

Training provided within states and local jurisdictions by state and local trainers is a critical component of national preparedness. The CDP leverages the presence and expertise of these individuals by qualifying them to deliver specific CDP courses through attendance and graduation from certified CDP-delivered train-the-trainer programs. The Indirect Training Program officially identifies members of the CDP Indirect Autho-

Bronze Level

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Benjamin C. Carver	James C. Mitchell
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rized Trainer community who acquire special training skills in direct support of the CDP mission and whose efforts enhance the local response capability through locally delivered training.

“Communities affected by this training are better prepared for disaster response,” said Rick Dickson, the CDP's assistant director for Training and Education. “The commitment to training these trainers have shown demonstrates a culture of preparedness and dedication to ensure our hometown communities are safe and resilient. These men and women are assets not only to their local jurisdiction but to the nation. What a great example they set.”

Once qualified by the CDP, and with approval of their State Administrative Agency (SAA), these trainers can deliver training in their jurisdictions and receive ongoing administrative support and certification from the CDP.

According to Mark Van Dyke, an emergency preparedness coordinator for a large healthcare system in Michigan, who taught 15 classes with 258 students, and is a 2012 Silver Trainer, his 2007 resident course set the pace for authorized training at home. “My organization participates in the [training program] for many reasons. First, because of the high-quality education that I received at the CDP. Second, it is the simplest process you could have for this level of training. A single form gets you the books, the papers, the supplies, and the full support of an excellent staff. Best of all, this education comes to us at no cost to my organization. This was the easiest decision our executive team ever made. We have trained over 1,000 members of our staff since 2007. IATP is a best practice.”

“I would like to see all first responders have the opportunity to attend CDP courses, but that is not possible,” said Ronald Raab, an emergency preparedness coordinator from Virginia and a 2012 Gold Trainer, who taught 12 classes with 335 students. “By serving as an indirect trainer I am able to bring some of the basic CDP courses home. It also gives me an opportunity to work with other agencies and share experiences with someone I may work with during a future emergency.”

For information about indirect training programs, email indirecttraining@cdpemail.dhs.gov or call 866-291-0698.

Gold Level

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Tai M. Lee, Jr.
Lorin L. Mock
Ronald W. Raab
John M. Zadelek

Worth Repeating

Knowledge is Power

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for providing my personnel the opportunity to attend the various trainings at the [CDP]. Knowledge is power and with the type of operations we deal with and the many different types of hazardous materials that pass through our port on a daily basis, this training gives these employees the next level of knowledge and awareness as a first responder. I hope that there is more training available for all my employees. This training provides more knowledge to plan, prepare, and give us a more realistic awareness level.”

Raymond Santos, Transportation Superintendent, Port Authority of Guam

Real-World Response

“I recently attended the Healthcare Leadership for Mass Casualty Incidents at the [CDP]. Many others from our hospital have attended past sessions. On July 20, 2012, our hospital was one of the facilities that treated victims of the mass shooting at the Aurora [Colo.] theater. Without a doubt, our quick response to the tragedy was due in part to the training we received at the CDP.”

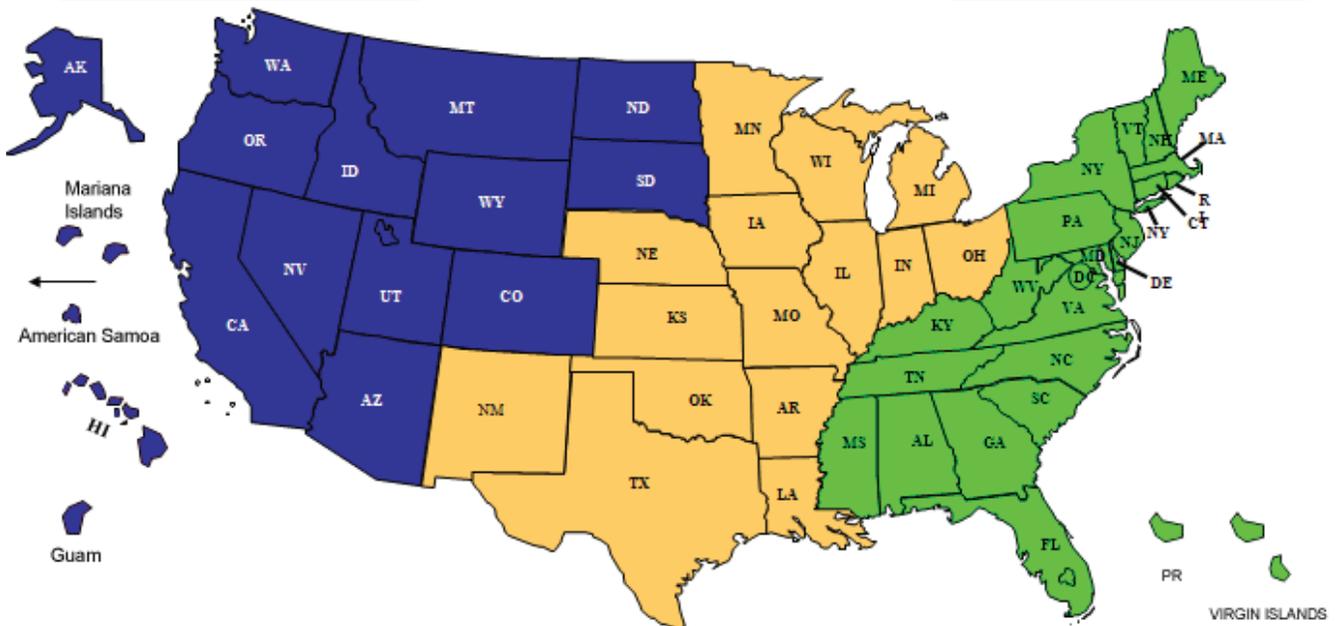
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