

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS



Louisiana State Police Hazardous Materials Training Program



Course Syllabus

Course Title: Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations

Course Duration: 40 Hours

Course Prerequisites: None

Course Fee: Covered by PHMSA's HMEP Grant for Louisiana First Responders

Course Description:

Hazardous Materials Awareness (8 hours)

This 8-hour course, based on NFPA® 470: Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Standard for Responders and NFPA® 1072 and 472 standards, will provide first responders with the knowledge and skills to: Understand what hazardous materials are and the risk associated with them in an incident; recognize the presence of hazardous materials in an emergency; understand the role of the emergency responder at the Awareness level, including site security and control; have understanding of the U.S. Department of Transportation Emergency Response Guidebook; realize the need for additional resources, call for appropriate assistance, to make appropriate notifications to the community. This course also includes counter-terrorism curriculum. This course meets or exceeds OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120(q).

Hazardous Materials Operations (32 hours)

The Hazardous Materials Operations course prepares Awareness-level responders for Operations-level Hazardous Materials response. This 32-hour course, based on NFPA® 470: Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Standard for Responders and NFPA® 1072 and 472 standards, provides to those who are or will be operating as a member of a fire department, law enforcement agency, EMS agency, emergency management agency, or other first responder agency, the basic skills needed to evaluate and work defensively at an incident involving the release of hazardous materials. The objectives of the course are to teach participants: basic hazards and risk-assessment techniques for Hazmat and CBRNE environments; selecting and using proper personal protective equipment provided to the first responder at the Operations level; performing basic control, containment and/or confinement operations within the capabilities of the resources and personal protective equipment available; an understanding of the types of CBRNE and WMD events that may be presented to the first responder; and an understanding of the relevant standard operating guidelines and termination procedures. This course also meets or exceeds OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120(q). Successful completion of Hazardous Materials Awareness is a prerequisite to this component of the course.

Textbook:

Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, Jones & Bartlett Learning, Fourth Edition.

The textbook is provided at no cost to the student by the program.

Personal Protective Equipment:

All necessary Personal Protective Equipment for this course will be provided. Medical monitoring will be performed as needed prior to any training field activities. Medical monitoring must show a student's blood pressure to be below the NFPA 1582 Stage 2 Hypertension standard (i.e., systolic pressure greater than or equal to 160 mm Hg or diastolic pressure greater than or equal to 100 mm Hg). Students who cannot meet this standard will not be allowed to participate in training field activities which are required to complete the course.

Course Requirements:

- Have obtained a medical evaluation in accordance with the Respiratory Protection Standard, 29 CFR 1910.134. Each student **MUST** have a letter from their supervisor OR a copy of a medical certificate that clearly states that a medical evaluation has been completed and that the student is medically able to wear respiratory protection equipment.
- Be capable of lifting tools and equipment up to approximately 50 pounds, per the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
- Be capable of standing and walking for prolonged periods.
- Be capable of donning, operating in, and doffing personal protective equipment to include being physically and mentally capable of wearing a respirator that conforms tightly to the face and/or equipment that encapsulates the head.
- Be capable of operating in confined spaces.
- Be capable of climbing stairs and/or ladders while wearing personal protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.

Lodging:

Lodging is provided at the Joint Emergency Services Training Center (JESTC) Staff Development Center at no cost for students who reside outside of 50 miles from the training site.

Meals:

Due to the remote location of JESTC, lunch is provided for all students and additionally breakfast is provided for students who require lodging at the Staff Development Center.

PLEASE NOTE: NIGHT MEALS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT

Course Policies:

Attendance Policy:

The LSP Hazardous Materials Training Program requires students to attend (100%) or make up all course content that leads to course completion. Students are expected to attend on time and to remain in class for the duration of the course. Students must complete all portions of the course, both classroom and practical, to be eligible to receive their certificate of completion.

If a student misses any portion of class with an accumulated absence of 20% or less of scheduled class time, it will be the student's responsibility to arrange the make-up of the missed course content with the instructor. The student must make up the specific course content that was missed, not just the hours. Make-ups are limited to 20% of scheduled class time. Make-ups must be documented on the class roster.

Cancellation Policy:

All notices of student cancellation shall be made in a timely manner to LSP_HAZMATtraining@la.gov. Failure to provide sufficient notification of cancellation may affect an agency's access to future training opportunities.

Safety Policy:

Students shall understand and follow all instructions pertaining to operational safety, as stated by instructors or as written in the LSP Hazardous Materials Training Program Student Safety Manual. Instructors and students shall be mindful of safety at all times. Conduct judged to be unsafe shall be grounds for dismissal from the course.

Academic Integrity Policy:

The Hazardous Materials Training Program has the responsibility for maintaining academic integrity so as to protect the quality of the education provided through its courses, and to protect those who depend upon our integrity. It is the responsibility of the student to refrain from infractions of academic integrity, from conduct that may lead to suspicion of such infractions, and from conduct that aids others in such infractions. Any violation is grounds for immediate dismissal from the course.

Grading Policy:

Participants must score at least an 80% on the final written examination and successfully complete all job performance competencies to obtain a certificate of course completion. Decisions regarding certificates of course completion shall be made solely by the lead instructor of the course. Requests for accommodations for disabilities will be considered on a case by case basis once adequate documentation of the disability and of the need for the specific accommodations requested have been provided. Accommodations which would alter essential elements of the program will not be granted.

Retesting:

If a student fails to pass a written exam or successfully complete all job performance competencies, the student is allowed one retest. If the student is unsuccessful in the retest, the entire course must be repeated. Retesting takes place on set dates at the Hazardous Materials Training facility. More information can be obtained from the course instructor.

Evaluation Strategy:

Written homework and practical skills testing are completed throughout the course. A written test and final practical incident are conducted at the completion of the course. In addition, several simulated evolutions and tabletop scenarios are used throughout the course.

Certification:

The Hazardous Materials Awareness and Hazardous Materials Operations certification examinations are offered by the Firefighter and Emergency Responder Certification Program of the Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy. This optional opportunity allows a student to seek nationally accredited certification at his/her respective level of hazardous materials training. When feasible, practical examinations will be administered at the conclusion of the course as a prerequisite to taking the written certification test. A passing practical examination score is valid for 180 days. More information about certifications by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) or Pro-Board can be found at www.feta.la.gov.

