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TO: All Interested Agencies

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SUBJECT: WMD Awareness Course

The Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG), in cooperation with the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) and Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), is providing Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness courses for local agencies. This six-hour course is free of charge and provides awareness of Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, Radiological, and Explosive weapons.

Our target participants are: Law Enforcement, EMS/Fire, Emergency Management, HazMat Teams, Public Works, Government Administration, Public Safety Communications, Health Care, Public Health, and Education.

These classes will be offered until September, 2005. We have several classes scheduled, but any agency may request to schedule a class.

To sign up or to schedule a class, please contact Susan Simmons at 979-412-1700 or susan.simmons@verizon.net. Minimum class size is 20, with a maximum of 50. The class can be split into two three-hour classes.

WMD Awareness-Level Training Course

Course Description

Developed by the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC), the WMD Awareness-Level Training Course is a six-hour training program that provides emergency responders with awareness-level instruction on recognition, avoidance, isolation, and notification techniques in a weapons of mass destruction (WMD) environment. The course covers prevention and deterrence and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) hazards.

Course Objectives

- ❖ To demonstrate a working knowledge of the prevention and deterrence strategy, to identify indicators of potential terrorist acts, and to identify potential terrorist targets
- ❖ To understand recognition, avoidance, isolation, and notification techniques of chemical agents and toxic industrial chemicals and materials in a WMD environment
- ❖ To understand recognition, avoidance, isolation, and notification techniques of biological hazards when used as WMDs
- ❖ To understand recognition, avoidance, isolation, and notification techniques of radiological and nuclear materials when used as WMDs
- ❖ To understand recognition, avoidance, isolation, and notification techniques of explosive devices when used as WMDs

Course Length

6 hours

Prerequisite

Responders applying for the course must submit the enrollment application provided by the NDPC.

Target Audience/Discipline

- ❖ Law Enforcement
- ❖ Emergency Medical Services
- ❖ Emergency Management Agency
- ❖ Fire Service
- ❖ Hazardous Material (HazMat)
- ❖ Public Works
- ❖ Governmental Administrative
- ❖ Public Safety Communications
- ❖ Health Care
- ❖ Public Health

Certificate

ODP Certificate of Completion

Course Delivery

Training will be conducted at local jurisdiction.

Cost

All training and course materials are free to eligible jurisdictions.