



Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Meeting

(Anchorage – BP Energy Center)

May 8, 2012

Meeting Notes

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1. **Participants:** See attached.
2. **Agenda:** See attached.
3. **Safety Moment:** Sandra Brewer (BP Energy Center) briefed the group on general safety procedures (fire, earthquake, evacuation) as well as provided a general layout of the facility.
4. **Introductions:** The meeting began with an overall welcome followed by introductions. A sign-in sheet was also circulated (see the attached participant list).
5. **Action Items from the Previous Meeting:** The group reviewed the action items for the previous meeting held on November 9, 2011 in Anchorage.
 - a. DHS& EM Andy Jones to provide training schedule for this next year
 - *Andy Jones was not able to attend the meeting today due to current flood watch. Andy Jones and Jeff Ennenga (Alaska Division of Fire & Life Safety) will try to set up a Hazmat Tech training course that can be offered once a year. The training location can rotate around the state. (Open – carried forward)*
 - b. Need to solicit training needs from all hazmat teams to plan for next year's Hazmat grant money.
 - *Some discussed above. Solicited the attendees to think about the types of training they would like to see offered. (Open – carried forward)*
 - c. Coordinate public outreach for seafood facilities to educate them on hazardous materials release reporting. **(Closed)**
 - d. Work group members were asked to provide topics for the Alaska Hazmat Symposium to Alan Wien. **(Closed)**
6. **Hazmat Team Updates:**
 - a. **Anchorage Hazmat Team:** Update from Jim Vignola.
 - Responded to approximately six white powder and biological threat incidents and worked closely with the FBI.
 - Responded to abandoned drum cases along with DEC on private properties. The AFD does not remove drums from private property, but will take photos just in case the drum shows up in another location. The disposal of the drum is the responsibility of the property owner.

- The Anchorage watershed plant needs to provide a plan as to how they are going to respond to events that affect or threaten the watershed. The main issue was the need to come up with a list of appropriate agencies they need to contact in an event. They should see something by next week.
 - Hazmat Equipment – AFD is purchasing HazMatID 360, which incorporates IR. AFD still has one Ahura technology. The new equipments are being purchased using the HSP money. The RFP for the new isotope detectors are out. Some other spending plan include purchase of additional Ralink 3 for the AreaRAE to have better connection throughout the state and purchase of decon corridor and mass decon unit.
 - Currently, the FY13 budget for AFD does not look good.
- b. Fairbanks:** See Fairbanks Hazmat Team written report at the end of this document.
- c. 103rd Civil Support Team:** Update from Stephen Wilson
- Responded to white powder incidents in Chevak and Kenai.
- d. Elmendorf AFB/Bioenvironmental:** Update from William Mitchell
- Upgrading response capability with purchase of SAM 940 radioactive isotope detector and HAPSITE Smart Plus. They will be having a Mass Casualty exercise on June 21 at the downtown hospital in preparation for the Air Show scheduled for July 27-29. The July 29 is the open house. They are also looking into more level A suites and getting more staff hazmat certified. The team may be gone for 10 days late summer. They will let the Hazmat Workgroup know when this happens. During their absence, the team from California will be coming up to backfill them.
- e. Ketchikan Hazmat Team:** Email update from Andy Tighe.
- Responded to numerous fuel leaks, CO calls, and smell of propane. All incidents were minor in nature, some fixed on site by tightening nuts/filters, changing batteries, or using absorbent materials to clean-up.
 - Responded to a white substance flowing into a major fish creek, tracking the area of origin to be several blocks away from a gentleman that was painting his house. He was cleaning brushes and rollers and left the water turned on which flowed into a drain that terminated into the creek.
- f. Kodiak Hazmat Team:** Update from Jim Mullican
- The outreach letter to canneries that was sent out by DEC/EPA seems to be working. They received few calls from canneries. They are finding that canneries are still hesitant to notify the state and feds. This was evident in that the local FD is still listed as point of contact in an event of a spill. They will continue to do community outreach to address this issue.
 - The Kodiak FD will be conducting a drill with Trident Seafoods this summer.
 - Cruise ships will start making stops at Kodiak, which means a walk way will have to be built. The proposed area where the walk way is most feasible is located behind all the canneries.
 - Kodiak FD had a good size turnover due to personnel change. They are still Hazmat capable.
- g. Juneau Hazmat Team:** Update from Mark Ormsby.
- Responded to two white powder incidents, one in Thorn Bay and one at the high school. The incident was non-event; however, it was a good training operation.
 - Normal calls, such as responding to battery and fuel spills.

- Responded to an incident at UAS lab, which turned out to be burnt out barium in their lab equipment.
 - A total of six members participated in the Arctic Shield Exercise. The biggest lessons learned was that the battery does not work well in cold environment.
 - Juneau will be hosting the Hazmat Tech Class May 29 – June 2.
 - In April, 103rd CST came to Juneau for a hazmat incident exercise.
 - FD Captain would like to visit all the surrounding villages and evaluate high hazmat areas and develop equipment need based on the survey.
 - Two new equipment including ALMR radios.
- h. EPA:** Update from Liza Sanden, EPA START Contractor.
- Preparing for the summer inspections of SPCC facilities in Western Alaska.
 - 2011 Tier II report may be published around end of this summer.
- i. Central Mat-Su:** Email update from Randy Newcomb.
- FBI did a WMD presentation for the Mat-Su responders.
 - Responded to diesel leak from a pony tank attached to a vehicle.
 - Will be conducting training exercise with 103rd CST in June.
- j. 95th Chemical Company:** Update from [insert name].
- Conducted a joint training on April 25. The training included establishing a joint entry team and decon line. The training was well conducted.
 - Joint training with 92nd CST will be conducted in July. The training will include aircraft decon.
- k. FBI:** Update from Jacqueline DeCou
- The man associated with the white powder incident mail originating out of Portland has been arrested. The letters that originated out of Dallas is still under investigation. It is estimated that 300 letters were distributed throughout the country.
 - Derek in class leading the field radiological training exercise.
 - There will be radiation training traveling road show hosted by DHS coming to Alaska.
- l. U.S. Coast Guard:** Update from Mark Wagner.
- Coast Guard is gearing up for the Arctic operation.
 - There will be an oil spill response exercise in Barrow. Navy Supsalv will be participating as well. One of the equipment highlight is a new offshore skimming system called the Polar Bear System. This system worked well on fresh water in Great Lakes so it will be interesting as to how well it will work in Arctic salt waters.
- m. Alaska Railroad:** Update from Matt Kelzenberg.
- Dupont is changing to Danisco. There will be increase in sodium cyanide coming into Alaska. Unknown as to what is causing the increase in demand. The sodium cyanide is going to Fairbanks. This means more sodium cyanide traveling through the transport system.
 - There is talk about transporting LNG through the rail system. Recommended the workgroup evaluate dangers associated with moving LNG via the rail system.
 - AK RR is hoping to offer the Whistle Stop tour again next year, hopefully in the fall of 2013.
- n. DHSS Public Health Lab:** Updates from Tricia Franklin.
- The biological sample kits are work well. The lab had only one issue with the sample

- kits getting to the lab from Kenai due to weather delays.
 - Stephanie Masse took another position with immunization so they are currently recruiting to fill her vacant position.
 - Kotzebue mystery package case – The case was being driven by the state troopers since they received the package. There was some differing information that was floating around. The package was a FedEx envelope, once opened caused some physical responses. Clinical samples were submitted to the lab to be tested for some potential volatiles. There was a second envelope that was sent to another community.
 - CDC will be providing guidance on field equipment for the hazmat team along with confidence building exercise (formally known as proficiency exercise).
- o. State Department of Labor:** Updates from Paul Moyer
- Provide update on recent work related accidents.
 - Will conduct addition outreach with the seafood industry as they inspect cannery facilities this summer.
- p. U.S. DHS:** Update from Tom Burgess.
- Conducting transportation assessment looking at preparedness in an event of a significant earth quake. FEMA Risk will be in Alaska for a meeting on July 10 – 11 and evaluate vulnerability assessment focused on the community. The assessment evaluates critical nodes, such as power and light.
- q. ADEC:** No updates to pass on.
- 7. Drills and Training:** Alan provided an updated Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Activity Schedule (see attached) for the group to review.
- a. Hazmat Technician Course:** The course will be offered in Juneau on May 29 - June 2. The point of contact to participate in this training is AndyJones.
- b. Alliance of Hazmat Professionals Conference 2012:** The date for this conference is September 10 – 14 and will be held in Anchorage. This conference is hosted by a professional trade group called Transcare. The trade group has 4,000 members. This conference will cover emergency response drill/exercise. The exercise will be based on 3 mini scenarios.
- 8. Statewide Hazmat Budget Status:** Alan provided an update and a handout.
- a. DEC CIP Funding Status for Hazmat Teams.**
- The Legislature has approved a new 5-year CIP fund for DEC which includes money for the annual Hazmat Team equipment and training support. Annual MOU amounts can be expected to stay the same as recent years.
- b. Federal Grants.** DHS&EM staff not present to provide update.
- 9. Action Items:**
- a. Communication Capabilities:** The AFD's radio trunk system coverage extends out to Portage and Palmer areas. All the VHS is in the process of being narrow banded, which means AFD's current VHS system will become obsolete by next year. AFD would like to explore ways to increase radio communication system outside of their

municipality area. Since DEC has extra ALMR radios available in an event of emergency, we will make the radios available the Hazmat Team's use when needed. We need to add the need for ALMR equipment prior to activation in the current deployment procedure.

10. **Informational Items:** Just a reminder, meeting notes, work group member listing (including phone numbers and email addresses), photos from past activities, etc. are posted at the following website: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/hazmat.htm>
11. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled August 14, 2012 in Anchorage at the BP Energy Center. **The August meeting has been cancelled and rescheduled for October 9, 2012.**

Encl: Final Agenda
Attendee Listing
Updated Schedule of Activities
Fairbanks Hazmat Team Report



STATEWIDE HAZMAT WORK GROUP MEETING

BP Energy Center – 900 E. Benson Blvd (see attached map)

<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/hazmat.htm>

May 8, 2012

Draft Agenda

- 9:00 am
- Introductions
 - Safety Moment
 - Review Agenda for any Additions/Changes
 - Review Status of Action Items from Previous Meeting
 - Team Updates/Lessons Learned from Any Recent Responses/Capability Enhancements
 - Anchorage Hazmat Team
 - Fairbanks Hazmat Team
 - 103rd Civil Support Team
 - Elmendorf AFB/Fort Richardson Hazmat Team
 - Ketchikan Hazmat Team
 - Kodiak Hazmat Team
 - Juneau Hazmat Team
 - EPA
 - Central MatSu Fire Dept
 - 95th Chemical Company
 - Others (FBI, CG, ARRC, DHSS, DEC, DOL&WD, DMVA/DHSEM, Industry, Others)
 - Drills and Training (see Schedule of Hazmat Activities)
 - Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals (AHMP) Conference and Exercise (Matt Kelzenberg/Alan Wien)
 - Alaska Shield 2012 Hazmat Exercise - Recap (Alan Wien/Jim Vignola)
 - Hazmat Symposium - Recap (Alan Wien/Jim Vignola)
 - Hazmat Tech Course (Juneau)
 - Radiological Response Training
 - Hazmat Training Materials (Andy Jones)
 - Statewide Hazmat Budget Status
 - DEC CIP Funding Status for Hazmat Teams (Alan Wien)
 - Federal Funding (ODP, MMRS, HMEP Funding) (Andy Jones)
 - Additional Items for Discussion
 - Recent White Powder Responses
 - Recap Action Items
 - Next Meeting: August 2012
 - Adjourn

Action Items from November 9, 2011 Meeting

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4. Work group members were asked to provide topics for the Alaska Hazmat Symposium to Alan Wien. **(Completed-Closed)**

STATEWIDE HAZMAT RESPONSE WORK GROUP-May 8, 2012 Meeting Attendees

Individual	Agency	Email Address	Phone /Fax	Status/Other
Jacqueline DeCou	FBI	Jacqueline.decou@ic.fbi.gov	265-8125	947-9274 (cell)
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Matt Kelzenberg	Alaska Railroad	KelzenbergM@akrr.com	265-2476/242-2406	
William Mitchell	3AMDS Bioenvironmental	william.mitchell@elmendorf.af.mil	552-3985	
Paul Moyer	Alaska Occupational Safety & Health	Paul.moyer@alaska.gov	269-4939	
Jim Mullican	Kodiak Hazmat	jmullican@city.kodiak.ak.us	486-8040/486-8048	
Marc Ormsby	Juneau Hazmat	Marc_ormsby@ci.juneau.ak.us	586-0222	
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STATEWIDE HAZMAT RESPONSE WORK GROUP – ACTIVITY SCHEDULE (as of: April 25, 2012)

Activity	Type of Event	Date	Location	Sponsor/ Coordinator	Point of Contact	Participating Agencies
Statewide Hazmat Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Meeting	Meeting	November 9	Anchorage – BP Energy Ctr	DEC	Larry Iwamoto/ Alan Wien	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
HazCat Training/ Mercury Training/ Meth Lab Response Training	Training	December 13-15	Juneau	EPA	Bob Whittier/ Joe Mishler	Juneau Hazmat Team, Others
Alaska Hazmat Symposium	Training	Feb 9-10	Fairbanks	DEC/ DMVA	Alan Wien	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Alaska Shield 2012 Hazmat Exercise	Training/ Exercise	Feb 11	Fairbanks	DEC/ DMVA	Alan Wien	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Alaska CAMEO Training Course	Training	TBD	TBD	EPA	EPA START	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Hazmat Technician Course	Training	May 29 – June 2	Juneau	DPS/ Juneau Hazmat	Jeff Ennenga (DPS) Joe Mishler/Ed Quinto	Statewide Hazmat Team Members
Statewide Hazmat Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Meeting	Meeting	May 8, 2012	Anchorage BP Energy Ctr	DEC	Alan Wien/ Larry Iwamoto	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Statewide Hazmat Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Meeting	Meeting	August 14, 2012	Anchorage TBD	DEC	Alan Wien/ Larry Iwamoto	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Continuing Challenge Hazmat Conference	Conference	September 4-7	Sacramento	http://www.hazmat.org	http://www.hazmat.org	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Alliance of Hazmat Professionals Conference 2012	Conference	September 9-12	Anchorage, AK	AHMP	http://ahmp.confex.com/ahmp/2011/cfp.cgi	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Hazmat Response Exercise	Training/ Exercise	September 12	Anchorage, AK	AHMP/ ARRC	Matt Kelzenberg/ Alan Wien/Jim Vignola	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Statewide Hazmat Work Group Mtg / WMD Work Group Meeting	Meeting	November 2012	Anchorage TBD	DEC	Alan Wien/ Larry Iwamoto	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members

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Summary of the activities of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Hazardous Materials Response Team (FNSB HMRT) during the 1st Quarter of 2012.

**1st Quarter
Report**

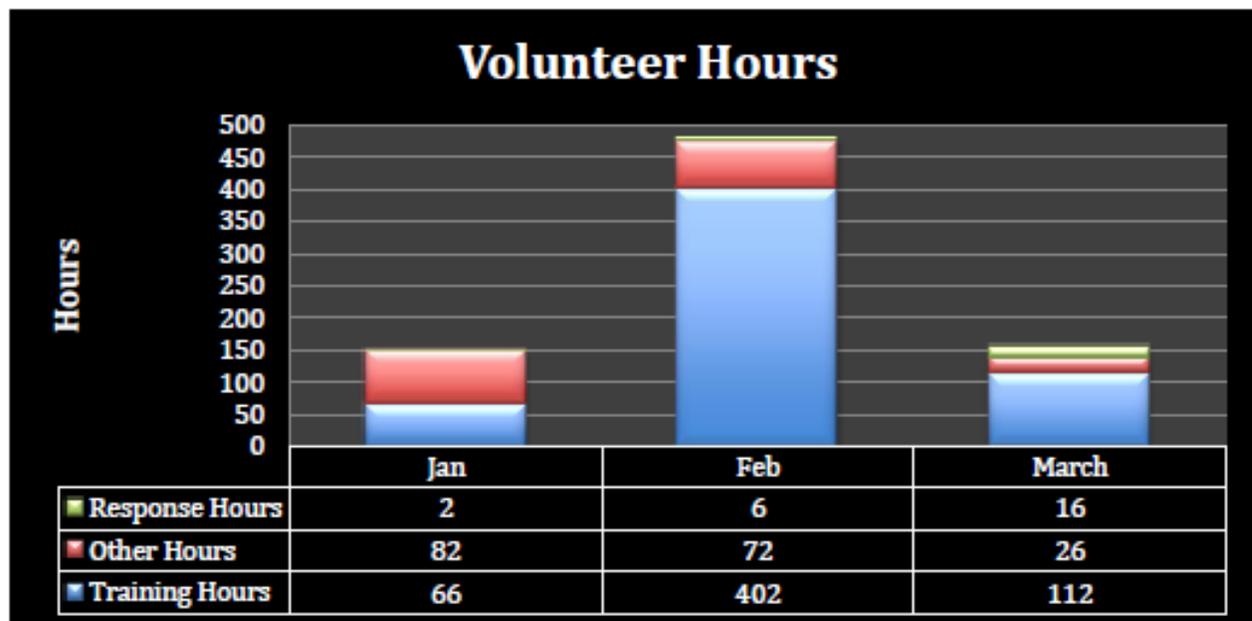


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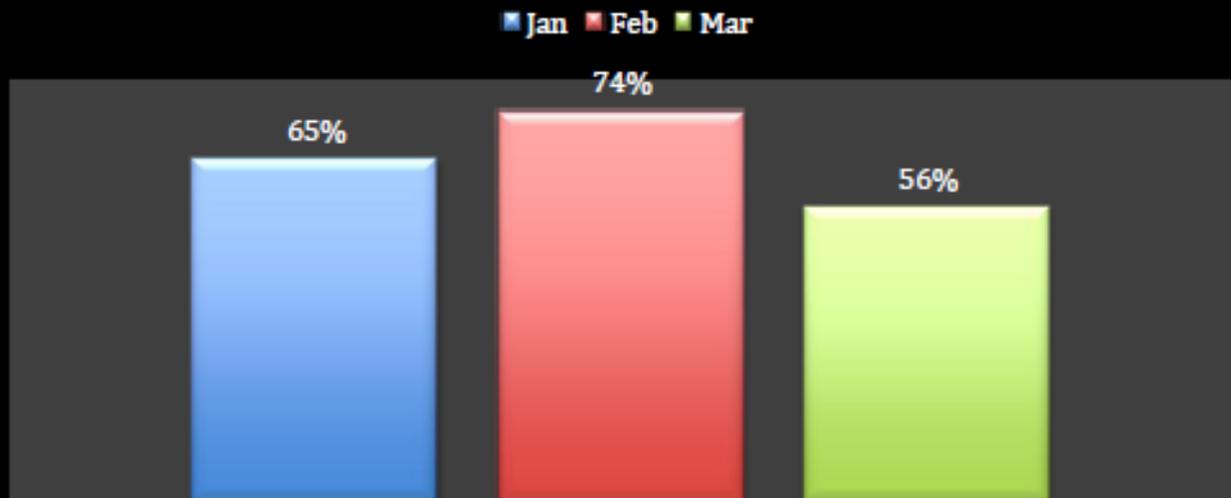
Membership

Name	Title
Tyler Bones	Chief
Don Werhonig	Assistant Chief / Training Officer
Tom Richardson	Captain
Al Guettinger	Captain
Brandon Doherty	Lt.
Jamie Bollig	Technician
Derek Cottle	Technician
Jeff Griffeth	Technician
Loda Griffeth	Technician
Richard Hagen	Driver / Support
Luis Hernandez	Technician
Tony Hibbert	Technician
Lisa Memmel	Technician
Keanan Metcalfe	Technician
Jeff Pino	Technician / Equipment Technician
Kim Rawlins	Technician
Marvin Root	Technician
Kevin Ward	Technician
Liz Werhonig	Technician
Kevin Wilson	Technician

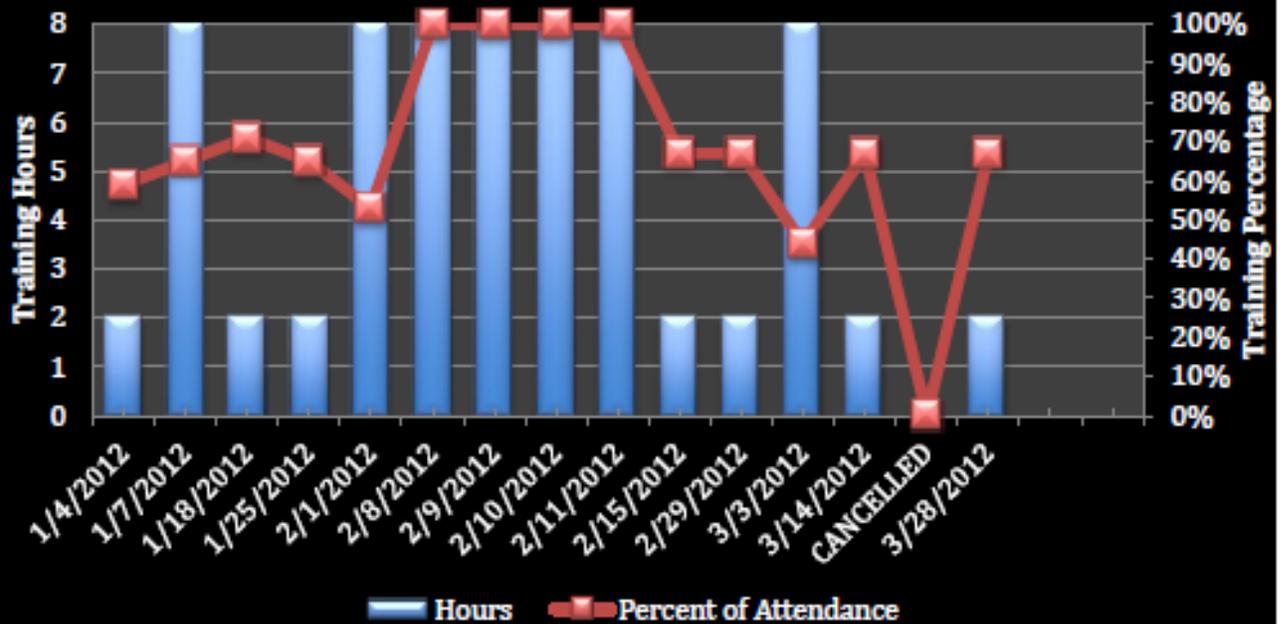


- The Team has 20 active members, with 1 new member joining during the 1st Quarter. The Team placed 5 members in an inactive status due to lack of participation. To become active again they will need to demonstrate competencies and make at least 3 training sessions.
- The FNSB HMRT had a total of 784 hours volunteered in the 1st Quarter, this included trainings, meetings, equipment maintenance, and administrative duties.
- The high numbers in February were due to AS 2012 preparation and attendance.

Training Attendance



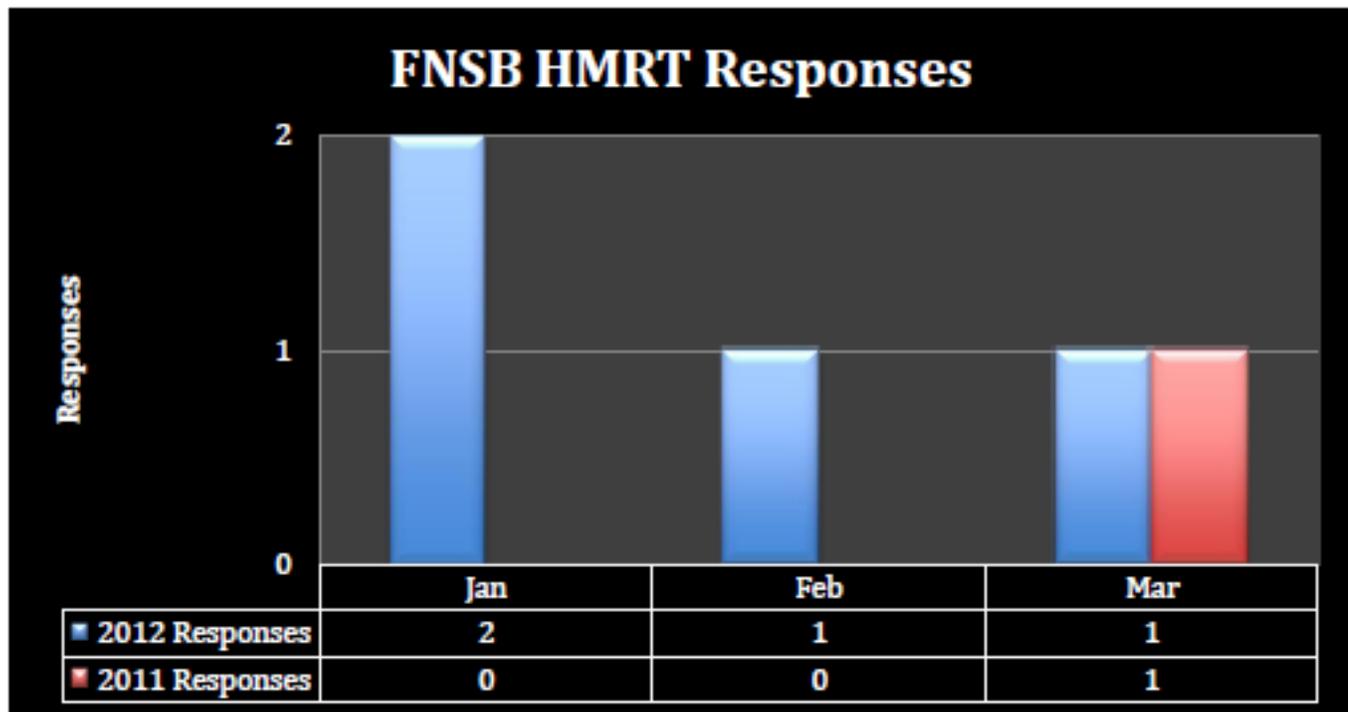
Training Hours Vs. % Attendance



- Training attendance is a focus area for the Team in 2012, the Officers goal with attendance is to average over 70% for the year. The Officers hope to accomplish this by making training sessions relevant and interesting, utilizing alternate training methods as available, develop a training schedule a Quarter out, and to keep personnel informed on their attendance performance.
- The Team is currently recertifying personnel as HazMat Technicians by running them through a 60-hour refresher course.
- The Training Division has started a Specialist qualification program, it is currently developing the training curriculum for the program.

Responses

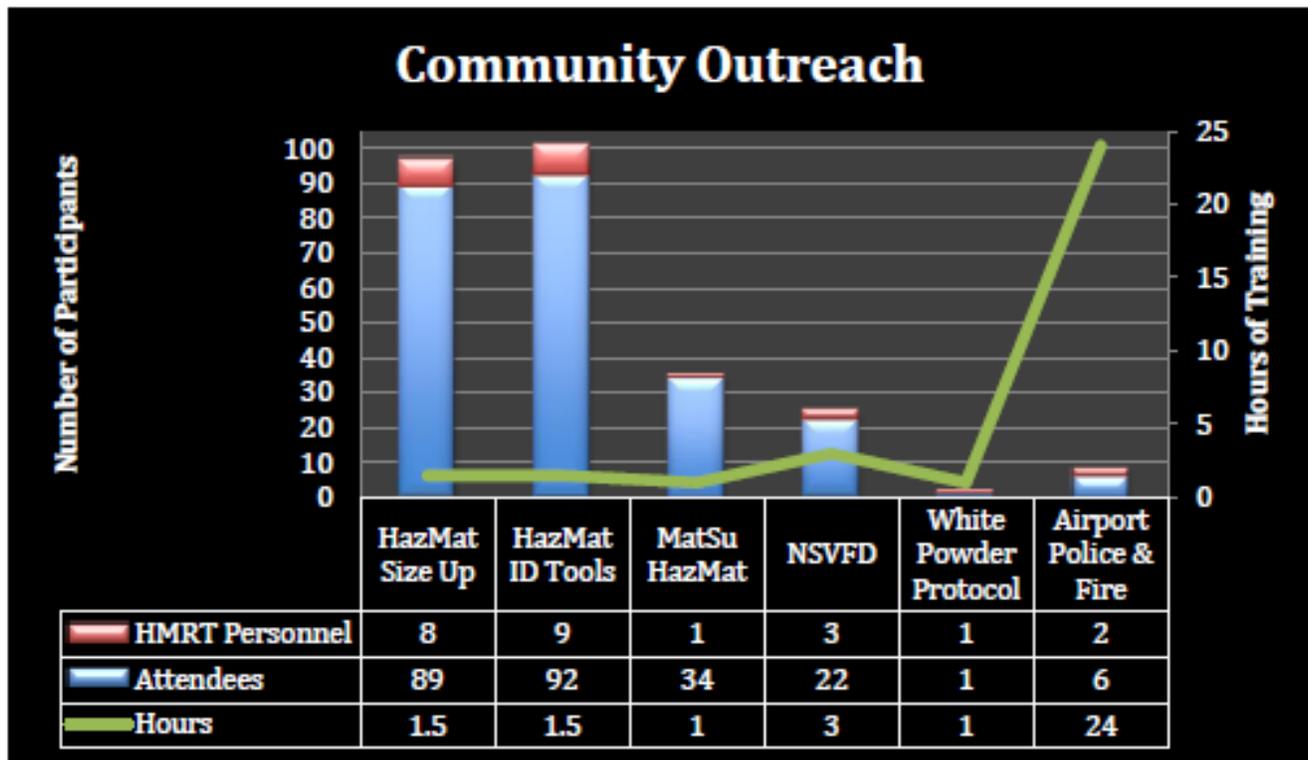
Date	Location	Nature of Call
1/5/12	Ester	Structure Fire Support - Request for air bottles and heaters by Ester FD during a structure fire.
1/16/12	Fairbanks	HazMat - Unknown package at Tanana Valley Clinic, request by FFD to support response.
2/23/12	Fairbanks	HazMat - Response to Tanana School for Sodium reaction in Middle school lab.
3/7/12	City of Tanana	HazMat - Response to City of Tanana School for white powder response.



- The 1st Quarter of 2012 was busy for the FNSB HMRT, the Team responses were up 75% when compared to the same Quarter of 2011.
- On March 7th the Team was activated by ADEC and the FBI to respond to the City of Tanana for a "White Powder" call. This response was the third time the Team has been activated to respond outside of the Borough by ADEC. The Troopers supported the response by flying the Team to Tanana in an AST aircraft.

Community Outreach

Date	Location	Description
2/8/12	Fairbanks	AS 2012 – Provided “HazMat Size-Up” course to the participants of the Statewide HazMat Symposium.
2/9/12	Fairbanks	AS 2012 – Provided “HazMat Identification Tools” course to the participants of the Statewide HazMat Symposium.
2/18/12	Wasilla	Provided HazMat orientation to Central MatSu fire departments with regards to transportation incidents.
3/6/12	North Pole	Fire Responder Operations level Refresher provided to North Star Volunteer Fire Department.
3/12/12	Kodiak	Provided an overview of the Tanana White Powder call to KFD personnel.
3/19/12 – 3/21/12	Fairbanks	Fire Responder Operations level training provided to Fairbanks International Airport Police & Fire.



- One of the focus areas for the FNSB HMRT is to provide training to the community, responders, and private industry.
- The Team provided 6 training sessions in the first quarter, training 244 individuals for a total of 32 hours. The high number of participants is directly due to AS 2012, AC Werhonig provided two training sessions during the Symposium.