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Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Meeting

(Anchorage – BP Energy Center)

November 16, 2007

Meeting Notes

November 20, 2007

1. **Participants:** See attached.
2. **Agenda:** See attached.
3. **Safety Moment:** Sandy Brewer (BP Energy Center Coordinator) briefed the group on the building evacuation procedures, primary mustering points, and general facility layout and accommodations.
4. **Introductions:** Larry opened the meeting 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 from the previous meeting held on August 15, 2007 in Fairbanks.
 - a. **APD 2000 Transfer from Valdez to Fairbanks:** Michelle Heun and Larry will check with the Valdez Hazmat Team to determine the status of this item. Dave Lawson (Valdez Hazmat) had previously stated that they have four APD 2000 instruments in their inventory. They have offered two of the instruments for use by other Hazmat teams in the State. Fairbanks indicated that they would like to have an additional instrument as they currently have only one APD 2000. Larry Iwamoto subsequently checked with DMVA/DHSEM (Michelle Heun) and provided the proper procedure for initiating this transfer of ODP grant-purchased equipment. (**Closed** – The instruments are in use locally in the community of Valdez and are not available for transfer)
 - b. **Mobile Decon Units – Support and Training:** DEC (Geoff and/or Larry will provide a list of contacts for those communities that received decon units several years ago. The work group will contact the communities and offer support and hands-on training with the systems. (**Open** – See new action item on this topic)
 - c. **Statewide Hazmat Symposium:** Work group members will be asked to provide inputs to the overall schedule and agenda items for this proposed symposium, tentatively scheduled for Fairbanks in the January-February 2008 timeframe. The symposium may also include a large scale, joint Hazmat response exercise for the Statewide Hazmat Team. (**Open** – see discussion and updated action item)

6. Hazmat Team Updates:

a. **Anchorage Hazmat Team:** Wade Strahan briefed on recent white powder incidents in Anchorage. One of the incidents involved a response to Providence Hospital where the powder was later determined to be baby formula. The other, more serious incident occurred at the State Attorney General's office building on September 28th, immediately after the LSU Weapons of Mass Destruction Sampling Course and the Florida State University Biological Sampling Course concluded that week. The incident was generated by a threatening letter. The Anchorage Hazmat Team worked with law enforcement staff, 103rd CST, and the State Public Health Lab on this response. Wade provided several comments and several lessons learned from the incident including the following:

- The Hazmat ID instrument was not working properly and initially provided a positive presence of protein.
- Although the AG's Office had internal mailroom procedures for handling the incoming mail, the procedures were not followed.
- The elevators and HVAC systems were shut down to prevent unnecessary airflow thru the building.
- The Anchorage Police Department "locked down" the facility and prevented folks from leaving the building. The State Epidemiology staff disagreed with the decision to keep folks contained in the building.
- Communications was poor between the AG staff located at different floors of the building.
- The facility declared safe at 4:00 pm, although there was no definitive result on the analysis of the white powder.

A similar situation occurred several years ago in the Kenai/Soldotna area where a threatening letter was sent to an individual. The Anchorage Hazmat Team sent several individuals down to the Kenai Peninsula to perform field analysis of the suspect white powder.

The role of the 103rd CST was also discussed. The 103rd is available to provide assistance, but they need to know the general role they will be performing in order not to interfere with the local response. After some discussion, the group agreed that the 103rd CST can dispatch their admin vehicle directly to the scene, while keeping their entry vehicle further away to provide follow-on support if requested.

In terms of activating the 103rd CST, local Hazmat teams should call the 103rd CST directly if possibly, and the 103rd CST will keep the State Emergency Coordination Center informed of their actions. This will preclude any delays in activating the team.

Jim Seeberger (Alaska Railroad) noted that the first reports coming from an incident are never accurate, and the general process should be to over-react and deploy as many resources as possible, and demobilize as necessary after accurately sizing up the situation.

- b. Fairbanks Hazmat Team:** Jim Maltby briefed the work group on a response to a local restaurant in Fairbanks. An irritant (pepper spray) had been released in the restroom of the restaurant. Jim also stressed the need to get the local law enforcement staff involved in Hazmat planning and response operations, and especially WMD sampling and crime scene preservation. (See the action item noted in these meeting notes).
- c. 103rd Civil Support Team:** Jim Yeo noted that they recently tested half of their team to determine the level of capability. The overall test went well, and areas tested included the alerting process and their new command vehicle. Some recent equipment enhancements include down-range video capability and a new, smaller communications vehicle which is a lot more mobile than the full-sized version. The vehicle comes equipped with a satellite dish, an INMARSAT dish, wireless network capability, and long range comms for acquiring rapid technical reference support. The team will be at full strength pending the arrival of one survey team member who is enroute to Alaska.
- d. Kodiak Hazmat Team:** Rome Kamai, the new fire chief at Kodiak, briefed the work group on recent events at Kodiak. The team participated in joint training with the 103rd CST in September. The training included response to a simulated ammonia release at one of the seafood processing facilities. The groups switched ICS roles (Incident Commander, etc.) to provide added value to the training.

The Kodiak Hazmat Team has converted a heavy rescue apparatus into a Hazmat response vehicle. They are also working closely with local law enforcement staff and have general agreement that the Kodiak Hazmat Team will serve as the entry team for any WMD incidents.

The team currently consists of 12 paid staff, 11 of which are Level A qualified. The Coast Guard fire department has 24 staff who are Level A qualified. The Kodiak Hazmat Team is also working with area fire departments to source and train additional Hazmat team members.

There are currently seven active seafood processing facilities at Kodiak, and the Hazmat Team is engaged in pre-incident planning with these facilities. Prior to 1999, none of the facilities possessed pre-incident plans. All of the facilities currently maintain plans and the Hazmat Team enjoys a good working relationship with the refrigeration engineers at the processing facilities.

- e. Elmendorf AFB:** Andy Lambert and Patrick Ryan represented Elmendorf Air Force Base and participated in the group discussion. There were no significant changes or notable responses since the last meeting.
- f. Ketchikan Hazmat Team:** A representative was not available to attend and provide an update.
- g. Valdez Hazmat Team:** A representative was not available to attend and provide an update.

- h. Juneau Hazmat Team:** Eric Mohrmann attended the meeting and briefed the work group on the latest developments in Juneau. They currently have nine people on the Hazmat Team, and 80% have completed their physicals. They are currently developing standard operating guidelines, and purchasing response equipment. Chief Mohrmann estimated that the team would be up and operational by May 2008. Once the team is operational, they will be discussing expansion to a Southeast regional response team in cooperation with the existing Level A Hazmat Team in Ketchikan. Juneau will also be offering three entry operations level courses provided by instructors from Texas A&M. (See attached schedule of activities for specific dates).
- i. EPA:** Matt Carr, Mary Goolie, and Michele Sherwood provide an update on recent EPA activities. Matt mentioned the recent removal operation at a facility with 36 cubic yards of lead contamination in Seward.

EPA has made recent improvements to their Emergency Operations Facility located at their response warehouse in Anchorage. The warehouse is located at 5761 Silverado Way, and consists of 4000 sq ft of warehouse space, and 200 sq ft of office space and meeting rooms. The EOC is equipped with satellite TV, HF comms, and they also have VHF comms in their mobile command post vehicle. The EOC will also have T-1 linkage in the near future. EPA has also ordered a satellite internet system which was custom made for areas like Alaska at higher latitudes.

TOPOFF IV: Mary Goolie noted that the exercise was preceded by lots of internal planning. EPA had established a good working relationship with Multnomah County (Portland, Oregon), and worked issues such as the Joint Field Office and ESF 10 response operations. One of the general objectives was to test the capabilities of the Seattle EPA EOC in their role of supporting the field Incident Management Team. Overall, things worked out well.

Matt explained that TOPOFF IV was the latest in the series of "Top Officials" exercises. These exercises are scheduled to occur once every two years. The scenario for this exercise was a dirty bomb, and the venues included Portland, Phoenix, and Guam. For incidents like this, the Department of Energy (DOE) is the primary Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) with EPA as a cooperating agency. The FBI serves as the lead for the crime scene preservation and investigation. DOE is not well versed in ICS, and apparently not receptive to coaching or training from other federal agencies. A true Unified Command was not formed during this exercise.

We have a definite advantage in the State of Alaska as DOE does not maintain a presence in Alaska, and the initial FCO for radiological incidents will be provided by EPA. We also have a definite advantage thru the existence of the Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group, and the networking and familiarity amongst work group members.

Tom Burgess (Federal Homeland Security) also attended the TOPOFF IV exercise and provided his perspective. Tom noted that the State agencies were very cooperative, but not prepared for a dirty bomb incident. They do not have an

organization like the Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group. Utility technicians are also not trained or equipped to respond in a radiological environment. The State agencies maintained good comms with the private sector. Unfortunately, the limited extent of the radiological plume did not provide much of a test for State, local, and private sector response capabilities.

- j. **Alaska Railroad:** Jim Seeberger, Marc Peterson, and Jeanette Holt represented the ARRC at the meeting. Jim reflected on Matt's comments regarding TOPOFF IV and stressed that, in general, upper level management in most organizations are not familiar with ICS. They have instituted 1.5 hour training sessions on ICS during lunch hours for senior executives and it seems to be working well.

Marc also briefed on next year's ARRC Whistlestop Tour. The tour will commence in Seward on March 31st and proceed to Whittier on April 1st. The tour then proceeds up the railbelt to Fairbanks and ultimately ends in Anchorage on April 12. Marc has begun the planning process and is receptive to inputs from the working group on topics of interest.

- k. **Coast Guard:** Jennifer Hnatow, Matt Odum, and Cecil McNutt represented the Coast Guard at this meeting. Jennifer noted that four staff from Coast Guard Sector Anchorage attended the LSU WMD Sampling Course held in September and were very impressed with the training they received. The Coast Guard's District Response Advisory Team (DRAT) website is also up and running and Jennifer will provide the weblink to Larry for dissemination to the work group. The website includes the locations and contents of Coast Guard spill response caches located throughout the State, as well as the lessons learned from the recent Canadian/U.S. Coast Guard Dixon Entrance spill drill held in Ketchikan this past September.

Cecil McNutt provided an overview of the Alaska Regional Response Team and its roles and responsibilities both as a planning body and as a response resource. He noted that there are two meetings held each year, and the next meeting is scheduled in Juneau on January 31, 2008.

- l. **Central MatSu Fire Department:** Ken Barkley briefed the group on recent developments in his area of operation. They do not maintain a Level A Hazmat Team in the Central MatSu area which extends from Talkeetna to Butte. They are in the processing of training two firefighters from each fire department to serve as Hazmat team members, and have also involved the Explorers in the Hazmat training. Once members of the Explorers become 18 years of age, they can then be used as part of the response corps. They have also converted an old rescue truck to a Hazmat response vehicle.

Ken noted that they held a big exercise in July involving a terrorist scenario. The Anchorage Hazmat Team and the 103rd CST provided excellent assistance.

The Central MatSu Fire Department is focusing on what type of team they will need for Hazmat response operations. They are not ready to assume a Level A capability, and feel that the appropriate role is to be able to set up and support the Anchorage Hazmat Team and the 103rd CST upon their arrival.

The Central MatSu staff can also support a mass decon operation. They have recently trained with the MatSu Regional Hospital on decon operations. Entry control remains a big issue at the hospital.

- 7. WMD Sampling Protocols:** Stephanie Massay summarized the results of the sampling protocols meeting held the day prior (November 15) at the Public Health Lab. She had previously send out a survey to the Hazmat Work Group and noted that only one of five teams had sampling protocols and a Hazmat sampling kit. Forty percent (40%) of those surveyed had had previous training on chemical/biological sampling protocols.

Stephanie then briefed the work group on the draft sampling protocols developed by the Public Health Lab, and the contents of the proposed sampling kit to be developed by the Lab. Work group members generally felt that the draft protocols and the sampling kit were excellent concepts. The work group was tasked to review both documents and provide their inputs (see action items on this topic).

One of the concerns expressed by the work group is the need for local law enforcement and the State Troopers to get actively involved in the overall process. Work group members were tasked to identify an appropriate law enforcement point of contact. (See action item).

Work group members (primarily those with Level A Teams) were also asked to specify the number of kits they would need to support their operation. The initial kits will be provided free of charge from the Public Health Lab.

Once the protocols have been finalized and the kits distributed, the Public Health Lab Staff has offered to provide training to those who desire additional information. The 103rd CST also volunteered to assist with training delivery. The FBI will also assist with technical expertise on the crime scene preservation aspects of sampling. Upon development, the draft curriculum will be circulated for comment from work group members.

8. Mass Decontamination Capability Update:

Jim Maltby noted that Fairbanks Memorial Hospital has built a new addition to the hospital, part of which is dedicated for mass decon operations. The hospital currently has 30 staff trained for mass decon. The Fairbanks Hazmat Team also provides the mass decon trailer to support the operation. Joint training was held and 35 people participated in the event.

Eric Mohrmann indicate that a decon team composed of hospital security staff has been established at the Juneau Hospital. The decon trailer provided thru federal ODP funding is fully functional. He also mentioned an air transportable, 56-bed hospital unit in Southeast Alaska. The hospital can be erected in 15 minutes, and different sections are located in Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka, and Petersburg. All of the sections can be transported via commercial air, C-130, or float planes. This capability was funded thru the MMRS grant.

At Kodiak, the mobile decon system is currently stored at the fire department. The Kodiak hospital recently changed their mass decon site and this may present a problem for future operations.

- 9. Drills and Training:** Larry provided an updated Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Activity Schedule for the group to review. The group provided additional information and a revised, updated schedule is attached.

Several members expressed an interest in the EPA 165.5 course (Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials Incidents) including Anchorage, Kodiak, Juneau, and MatSu. Matt Carr will check with the course coordinator to determine the status of course offerings for Alaska. (See action item)

Statewide Hazmat Symposium: Jim Maltby provided the general framework for the symposium. The group agreed that the symposium should be primarily directed at providing training for members of the Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group, and not expanded beyond that. The tentative date for the symposium is mid-April and the venue will be either Fairbanks or Anchorage. A smaller work group has been established and will be meeting regularly to develop the training outline and format. Several topics such as emergency response to transportation incidents, instrumentation, sampling, HazCat, and mercury response were suggested. The work group currently consists of Jim Maltby, Jim Vignola, Jake Bender, Mike Carruthers, Alan Wien, and Larry Iwamoto. Others are certainly welcome to participate. (See action item).

A large scale exercise will also be planned at the end of the training. The purpose of the exercise will be to integrate members of the Statewide Hazmat Team into a cohesive unit to respond to a number of events. One scenario suggested was an earthquake scenario with multiple scenarios requiring simultaneous dispatch of several teams.

10. Statewide Hazmat Budget Status:

Geoff Harben provided an update on the current status of State funding for the Statewide Hazmat response program. Approximately \$150,000 remains in the State Hazmat Capital Improvement Project (CIP), subject to recent travel expenses incurred by the Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group.

The Federal HMEP Grant funds provided by DMVA/DHSEM were used to offset the costs for the Ammonia Training in Ketchikan and the WMD Sampling Course as well. Larry thanked Wanice Cowles for DMVA's support of these two training events. This year's HMEP grant funding will be used to support the marine firefighting symposium (scheduled to be held in May 2008 at Valdez).

The following input was provided by Michelle Heun (DMVA/DHSEM) who was unable to attend the meeting:

The 2007 Homeland Security allocations to local jurisdictions were completed in September. The performance period for local jurisdictions is October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2009.

The total award was \$7,194,682 for all programs (State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), Citizen Corps Program (CCP) and Metropolitan Medical Response System Program (MMRS)). Alaska's allocation from the federal government was reduced for 2007 by \$1,099,455 from 2006.

The allocations were determined again this year by a multi-disciplinary committee comprised of volunteer representatives. They did an outstanding job.

The 2008 guidelines have not been distributed by the US Department of Homeland Security. We anticipate further reductions and are encouraging local jurisdictions to begin thinking about project prioritization for future funding.

11. Additional Items of Discussion:

Larry provided the work group with a handout depicting the contents of the Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group website. The group reviewed the site and made several suggestions for improving the site (e.g., add EPA's general information on response capabilities; add linkage to the Coast Guard DRAT website; add a link to the DEC community spill response webpage).

12. Action Items:

a. Mobile Decon Units – Support and Training: DEC (Geoff Harben) will contact the original recipients of the mobile decon trailers and determine the status of the units, plus also determine whether there is an interest in receiving training on the systems.

b. Statewide Hazmat Symposium: Work group members were asked to provide inputs to the overall schedule and agenda items for this proposed symposium, tentatively scheduled for the April 2008 timeframe in either Fairbanks or Anchorage. The symposium may also include a large scale, joint Hazmat response exercise for the Statewide Hazmat Team. A smaller work group will meet to develop the overall schedule and suggested topics, plus discuss the overall scope of the exercise. Work group members are Jim Maltby, Jim Vignola, Jake Bender, Mike Carruthers, Larry Iwamoto, and Alan Wien. A work group meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

c. State Hazmat Budget Requests: Geoff Harben asked members of the Statewide Hazmat Team to provide their budget proposals for next year's budget increment. DEC will review the proposals and allocate funding based on the requests.

d. Sampling Protocols: Several action items were discussed as follows.

(1) Law Enforcement Participation: Each community with a Level A Hazmat Team will provide a law enforcement point of contact to Larry Iwamoto. Larry will also work with the Alaska State Troopers and determine an appropriate point of contact at that level. The list will be provided to the Public Health Lab to assist with outreach to make law enforcement folks aware of the overall sample collection and processing procedure.

(2) Sampling Protocols: The Statewide Hazmat Team will be asked to comment on the draft sampling protocols developed by the Public Health Lab. Comments will be requested no later than November 30, 2007. The Public Health Lab will provide the draft protocols to Larry as an electronic file for dissemination to the Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group.

(3) Sample Collection Kits: The Statewide Hazmat Team will also be asked to comment on the contents of the draft sampling kit proposed by the Public Health Lab. Comments will be requested no later than November 30, 2007. The Public Health Lab will provide the kit contents to Larry as an electronic file for dissemination to the Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group. Level A Hazmat Teams should also start thinking of how many kits they will need for their team.

(4) Sampling Training: A draft sampling training curriculum will be developed for review by the Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group. The Public Health Lab, FBI, EPA's Criminal Investigation Division, and several work group members will be developing the draft curriculum for subsequent review by the Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group.

e. Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group website: Additional information (EPA response information, DRAT weblink, DEC community spill response weblink, and possibly other materials) will be added to the website.

f. EPA 165.5 (Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials Incidents)

Course: EPA (Matt Carr) will check with the course coordinator to determine the feasibility of future courses for Alaska communities. Anchorage, Kodiak, Juneau, and Central MatSu have all expressed interest in the course.

13. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2007 in Anchorage. The BP Energy Center has tentatively been reserved for the meeting.

Encl: Agenda

Attendee Listing

Updated Schedule of Activities



STATEWIDE HAZMAT WORK GROUP MEETING

**BP Energy Center– 900 E. Benson Blvd
Anchorage, Alaska**

November 16, 2007

Draft Agenda

- 9:00 am** • **Introductions**
- **Safety Moment**
- **Review Agenda for any Additions/Changes**
- **Review Status of Action Items from Previous Meeting (See attached)**
- **Team Updates/Lessons Learned from Any Recent Responses/
Team Capability Enhancements**
 - **Anchorage Hazmat Team**
 - **Fairbanks Hazmat Team**
 - **103rd Civil Support Team**
 - **Kodiak Hazmat Team**
 - **Valdez Hazmat Team**
 - **Elmendorf AFB/Fort Richardson Hazmat Team**
 - **Ketchikan Hazmat Team**
 - **Juneau Hazmat Team**
 - **EPA**
 - **Coast Guard**
- **WMD Sampling Protocols Update (DHSS)**
- **Drills and Training**
 - **Schedule of Hazmat Activities**
 - **Alaska Hazmat Symposium (Winter 2007/Spring 2008)**
 - **Large Scale, Joint Hazmat Response Exercise**
 - **Other Training Opportunities**
- **Statewide Hazmat Budget Status**
 - **DEC CIP Funding Status for Hazmat Teams**
 - **Federal Funding (ODP, HMEP Funding)**
 - **2007 Homeland Security process and investment categories**
- **Additional Items for Discussion**
- **Recap Action Items**
- **Next Meeting Date and Location**
- **Adjourn**

STATEWIDE HAZMAT RESPONSE WORK GROUP MEETING –Final Attendance Sheet (as of: November 16, 2007)

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STATEWIDE HAZMAT RESPONSE WORK GROUP – ACTIVITY SCHEDULE (as of: November 20, 2007)

Activity	Type of Event	Date	Location	Sponsor/ Coordinator	Point of Contact	Participating Agencies
Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Mtg	Meeting	August 15	Anchorage BP Energy Ctr	DEC	Larry Iwamoto	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Continuing Challenge Hazmat Workshop	Conference	Sept 4-7	Sacramento	Numerous	http://www.hazmat.org	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Safe Handling and Emergency Response to Anhydrous Ammonia	Classroom, Exercise	Sept 11-13	Ketchikan	DEC	Jim Hill Larry Iwamoto	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Alaska State Fire Conference	Conference	September	Valdez	Valdez Fire Dept	George Keeney	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
WMD Sampling Course	Training	Sept 25-27	Anchorage Fire Tng Ctr	DEC, AFD, DMVA/DHSEM	Larry Iwamoto	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Biological Sampling Course	Training	Sept 28	Anchorage Fire Tng Ctr	Elmendorf AFB BEE Staff	Patrick Ryan/ Larry Iwamoto	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
TOPOFF IV	Exercise	October 2007	Portland, OR	DHS	Matt Carr/ Mary Goolie (EPA)	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
WMD Sampling Protocols Mtg	Meeting	November 15	Anchorage Public Health Lab	DHSS/ DEC	Larry Iwamoto	Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Members
Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Mtg	Meeting	November 16	Anchorage BP Energy Ctr	DEC	Larry Iwamoto	All Statewide Hazmat Response Work Gp Members
DOE Radiological Assistance Program (RAP) Training	Training	TBD	Anchorage	103 rd CST	Myles Tenbroeck	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
CIA Recognition of Small Scale Bio Lab Setup	Training	TBD	Anchorage	103 rd CST	Myles Tenbroeck	First responders, Local, Federal and State agencies
First Step Hazmat Chemistry Identification (Three classes)	Training	December 1, 2, and 3	Juneau	Capital City Fire & Rescue	Eric Mohrmann	First responders, Local, Federal and State agencies
Hazmat Spills Conference	Conference	Dec 2-5	Pittsburgh, PA	EPA Region III	www.2007conference.org	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
EPA Sampling Refresher Course	Training	Dec 5	Anchorage EPA Warehouse	EPA	Michele Sherwood	Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Members
EPA Air Sampling Course	Training	Dec 6	Anchorage EPA Warehouse	EPA	Michele Sherwood	Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Members
Cold Weather Decon Exercise	Exercise	Jan 28-Feb 1	Fairbanks	103 rd CST	Kevin Bratcher/ Myles Tenbroeck	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Statewide Hazmat Response Work Group Mtg	Meeting	Feb 13, 2008	Anchorage BP Energy Ctr	DEC	Larry Iwamoto	All Statewide Hazmat Response Wk Gp Members
Emergency Response To Hazardous Materials Incidents	Training	February	Anchorage	Anchorage Fire Department	Wade Strahan	Hazmat Team Members
Emergency Response To Hazardous Materials Incidents	Training	(requested) March	Juneau	Capital City Fire and Rescue	Eric Mohrmann	Hazmat Team Members

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Emergency Response To Hazardous Materials Incidents	Training	(requested) TBD	Kodiak	Kodiak Fire Department	Rome Kamai	Hazmat Team Members
Alaska Railroad Whistlestop Tour	Training	March 31 - April 12	Various	Alaska Railroad	Marc Peterson	First responders, community representatives
Alaska Hazmat Symposium	Conference	Mid-April	TBD	Statewide Hazmat Work Group	Maltby, Vignola, Bender, Carruthers, Wien, Iwamoto	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Marine Firefighting Symposium	Conference	May	Valdez	PWS RCAC	PWS RCAC	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies
Firefighter's Conference	Conference	Sept 22-27	Juneau	Capital City Fire and Rescue	Eric Mohrmann	First responders, industry, Federal and State agencies

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