



NIEHS Worker Education and Training Program Technical Conference

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Washington, DC

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Agenda

Training Partnerships for Prevention, Protection and Preparedness: A Conference to Build Stronger Partnerships On Disaster Response Training

Thursday, April 22, 2004

- 8:00 – 8:30 **Continental breakfast** **Foyer outside Ballrooms C&D**
- Morning presentations** **Ballrooms C&D**
- 8:30 – 8:45 **Introductions**
- Joseph “Chip” Hughes**, Director, Worker Education and Training Branch, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
- 8:45 – 10:30 **Department of Homeland Security Plenary**
- 60 minutes of presentations followed by a 45-minute facilitated discussion*
- Moderated by Joseph “Chip” Hughes, Director, WETP*
- Marko Bourne**, Deputy Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Division (EPR), FEMA
- Darrell Darnell**, Division Director, Local Programs for Domestic Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security
- A.D. Vickery**, Deputy Chief for Homeland Security, Seattle Fire Department
- Chuck Soros**, Chief of Special Operations, Fire Department Safety Officers Assn.
- This plenary will address how the new National Response Plan, National Incident Management System, and Incident Command System will deal with hazmat training and how the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) views the relationship between homeland security and hazmat training and preparedness. The panel will also provide an update on the FIRST Seattle Summit report on integrating skilled support personnel and emergency responders.
- 10:30 – 10:45 **Break**

10:45 – 11:15 **Keynote on Homeland Security Preparedness Training: Emerging Policy Issues**

20-minute presentation with 10 minutes of questions

Dr. James Jay Carafano, Senior Fellow, The Heritage Foundation

Dr. Carafano is a national authority on the policy issues of appropriate training for emergency response. He will present a policy overview of the national effort to train and credential emergency responders. He will give his own perspective on Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 8.

11:15 - 12:30 **OSHA Plenary: The New Disaster Site Worker Course**

50 minutes of presentations followed by 25 minutes of facilitated discussion

Moderated by **Dr. Bruce Lippy**, Director, National Clearinghouse

Stew Burkhammer, Director, OSHA Office of Construction Services

Dr. Henry Payne, Director, OSHA Office of Training and Education (OTI)

Cathy Cronin, Construction Outreach Program Coordinator, OSHA OTI

Doug Feil, Director, Environmental Programs, Kirkwood Community College

Pete Stafford, Director, Center to Protect Workers Rights

This panel will review the status of the disaster site worker course being developed jointly with NIEHS and its grantees. The course has already undergone two pilot tests of the 16-hour course for workers and two pilots of the 4-day train-the-trainer course for instructors.

12:30 - 1:30 **Lunch**

Solarium

Luncheon presentation

David Von Drehle, author of the book: "Triangle: The Fire That Changed America"

David Von Drehle is a senior writer on the staff of The Washington Post, having served the paper previously as New York Bureau Chief, political writer and Assistant Managing Editor in charge of the renowned Style section. His latest book, "Triangle: The Fire That Changed America" was acclaimed one of the best books of 2003 by The New York Times, Amazon.com, the New York Public Library and the American Library Association.

1:30 - 2:15 **Two Keynotes on EPA, Homeland Security, and Chemical Industry Security**

Ballrooms C&D

45 minutes for two presentations and questions

Keynote on EPA's efforts in Homeland Security

Marianne Horinko, Assistant Administrator for the EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER)

Marianne Horinko was named Acting EPA Administrator by President Bush on July 10, 2003 and served in that capacity until the recent formal appointment of Michael Leavitt in that post. Following September 11th, Ms. Horinko spent her first few months at EPA in the unprecedented role of assisting in environmental cleanup activities at Ground Zero, the Pentagon, and the U.S. Capitol due to anthrax contamination.

Keynote on Chemical Facilities Safety and Security: Training and Preparedness Issues

Rixio Medina, Member, U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

Rixio Medina, a recent Bush appointee and former chemical company executive, has a strong interest in training issues. He will provide his unique perspective on the complicated issue of chemical security, relating his experience in the private sector and his new role as a member of the Chemical Safety Board.

2:15 – 4:00

Concurrent Breakout sessions on Awardee Partnerships

(A 15-minute break will be taken at approximately 3:00 pm)

Introduction to the Breakouts

Sharon Beard, Industrial Hygienist, WETB will explain the scope and goals of the breakouts.

Breakout 1: Federal and Tribal Partnerships

Montcalm Salon

Moderator: **Alan Veasey**, Program Director, Workplace Safety Training, University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB)

This breakout will share federal and tribal partnerships that have successfully provided health and safety training to underrepresented populations. The training topics include hazardous materials, incident management, and WMD response. Effective outreach materials will be reviewed.

Presenters

April Sells, Wellness and Activities Director, Poarch Band of Creek Indians

John J. Kovach, Safety Specialist Project Manager, International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE)

Breakout 2: Hospital, WMD, and Emergency Response Training

LaFayette Salon

Moderator: **Mark Catlin**, Hazardous Materials Project Coordinator, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Education and Support Fund (ESF)

This breakout will share insights into current training at hospitals and other first receiver/emergency response organizations, focusing on WMD modules about working with contaminated patients and strengthening the ER capabilities of fire and other emergency response entities.

Presenters

*ICWUC Partnership – United Federation of Teachers (UFT)/ American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
- Lutheran Hospital (Brooklyn, NY)*

Rebecca Gestone-Setteducati, UFT Chapter Chairperson

Jihad Hamad, Lutheran Hospital, New York City

NPRF Partnership - Commonwealth of Kentucky-OAI Collaboration

Dennis L. Decker, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal, Hazardous Materials Section, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Kentucky

Tipawan Reed, Executive Director, Office of Applied Innovations (OAI)

NPRF/IAFF Partnership - The Chicago Fire Department Training Initiative

Chief Eugene D. Ryan, HAZMAT Coordinator, Chicago Fire Department, Special Operations

Scott M. Solomon, Director, Hazardous Materials Training Department, International Association of Fire Fighters

SEIU/ESF Partnership - Partnership with Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Michael Vatch, Emergency Department Administrator, Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York.

Steve Schrag, Health and Safety Project Coordinator, SEIU 1199NY

Breakout 3: Industry and Trade Associations

Caucus Room

Moderator: **John Morawetz**, Director, Center for Worker Health & Safety, International Chemical Workers Union

This breakout will provide information on the industry and trade association partnerships that have increased the number and quality of courses available for responding to WMD incidents and other emergencies at fixed sites and other public facilities.

Presenters

Charlie Wise, ICWU Local 619

Don Ritter, ICWU, Local 959

Matt Zimmerman, Security Manager, Cabot Corporation

Al Valerioti, Master Instructor, IAFF

Dr. Carol Rice, Professor, University of Cincinnati

Breakout 4: State, Local, and Bi-National Partnerships: Public Health and Emergency Response

Quorum Room

Moderator: **Eric Lamar**, Principal Investigator, IAFF

This breakout will closely examine the Massachusetts approach to preparing communities for a public health emergency, the Arizona effort to partner with several Mexican states to train emergency responders, and the New York State initiatives in emergency management. Issues to be considered include: serving large and small communities, reconciling local government operations with regional needs, challenges confronting trainers in a bi-national preparedness program, as well identifying and planning for future challenges.

Presenters

Massachusetts Approach

Paul Morse, Project Manager, The New England Consortium

Charlie Kaniecki, District Health Officer and **Claudia Sarti**, Assistant to District Health Officer/Zoonotic Specialist, Department of Public Health, Center for Emergency Preparedness, State of Massachusetts

Arizona-Mexican Effort

Hal Berkowitz, Manager, Arizona State University Program (Cal-Arizona Consortium)

Karina Ordonez, Southwest Border Specialist, Arizona Governor's Office of Homeland Security

Willebaldo Alatraste Candiani, General Director Emergency Management, Sonora, Mexico

New York Effort

Kevin Neary, Supervisor, State Emergency Management Office, NY

4:00 – 4:30

Report Back

Summary by breakout moderators

5:30 – 7:30

Reception

Solarium

In honor of Workers' Memorial Day — April 28th

Friday, April 23, 2004

8:00 – 8:30

Continental breakfast

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Plenaries

Ballrooms C&D

8:30 - 9:20

Second OSHA Plenary: Worker Protection and Homeland Security

30 minutes of presentations followed by 20 minutes of facilitated discussion

*Moderated by **Chip Hughes***

Ruth McCully, Director, Directorate of Science, Technology and Medicine

John Ferris, Special Assistant for Homeland Security

This plenary will be a review of OSHA's newly emerging role in disaster response and homeland security and the actions the agency has taken to prepare for its new challenges.

9:20 - 10:10

EPA Plenary Panel

40 minutes of presentations followed by 15 minutes of facilitated discussion

*Moderated by **Chip Hughes***

John Gustafson, Executive Director, National Response Team

Rod Turpin, Chief National Health and Safety Advisor, Environmental Response Team

Charles Rogoff, Co-Chair, NRT Training Committee and Director, DOT Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant program

Mark Mjonness, Director, EPA Response Operations Center , OEPPR

The plenary panel will review the role of the National Response Team, EPA's participation on the team, and the changes anticipated under the NIMS.

10:10 – 10:15 **Charge to the Breakout Groups**

John Moran, National Clearinghouse

10:15 – 10:30 **Break**

10:30 – 12:00 **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

These breakouts will address awardee efforts and potential contributions to WETP's emergency activation plan. This plan, which is still under development, will identify key emergency response resources throughout the WETP community and establish a protocol for making these resources available quickly and efficiently to local, state, and key federal partners. The plan will meet requirements of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Participants will be assigned to one of the following breakouts.

Breakout 5: Transportation

Montcalm Salon

Breakout 6: Hospital and public health

LaFayette Salon

Breakout 7: Chemical facilities

Caucus Room

Breakout 8: Construction trades

Quorum

12:00 – 12:30 **Report Back**

Summary by breakout moderators

12:30 **Closing**

Chip Hughes