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**NEVADA TEST SITE COUNTER TERRORISM COURSE
CELEBRATES 100,000th STUDENT**

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – Training America’s first responders since 1998, the Nevada Test Site’s Counter Terrorism Operations Support (CTOS) program recently celebrated the training of its 100,000th student.

Laurie Flak, a firefighter and paramedic from Jacksonville, Fla., was presented with a certificate, a CTOS coin, shirt and hat upon her arrival at the Hazardous Materials Technician course on August 9. The course, which is conducted at the Nevada Test Site and overseen by the National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office (NNSA/NSO) and National Security Technologies, LLC (NSTec), trains emergency response personnel from across the nation in how to respond to a radiological or nuclear weapon such as a radiological dispersal device or improvised nuclear device.

During the presentation, NSTec CTOS Program Manager Dennis Dugan applauded the entire class of 100 first responders for their service to the country and spoke about the importance of the CTOS training. “We understand that you know how to perform your emergency response duties. However, we also understand that each first responder needs additional training to respond to the unthinkable event of the detonation of a radiological device or weapon of mass destruction,” Dugan said.

In addition to the HazMat Course and other response-oriented training, CTOS trains first responders in how to detect the prospective components of radiological or nuclear threats – or the weapons themselves – before they can be assembled or detonated. Said Flak, “I learned some things I didn’t know before. Getting practice on how to deal with these kinds of situations, with the radiation monitors and working more as a team, was beneficial. I would recommend this training course because I think the students will get a lot of information out of it. If they don’t have a chance to practice and train with their agency, this is the place to do it.”

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NSTec CTOS Program Manager Dennis Dugan presents first responder Laurie Flak with an award as the 100,000th student.

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