

Informational Bulletin

HazMat Refresher Training

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As most are already aware, a few days ago an assignment was sent through Target Solutions involving Hazardous Materials Training. Under the guidance of the county Hazmat Officer, we have begun the process of providing refresher training to employees.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires employers to provide annual refresher training to employees who respond for the purposes of stabilizing or mitigating an emergency event involving hazardous materials.

See 29 CFR 1910.120(q)(6)(ii) and 1910.120(q)(6)(iii). In addition, the HAZWOPER standard requires that operations and technician level employees "receive annual refresher training of sufficient content and duration to maintain their competencies, or shall demonstrate competency in those areas at least yearly." 29 CFR 1910.120(q)(8).

Over the course of the year, you will continue to receive additional assignments through Target Solutions which will review Hazardous Materials response.

Additional "hands-on" training is being planned and will be announced in future correspondence. We are also exploring options which will allow us to provide this training to Volunteer members. Once a platform for dissemination has been identified a notification will be sent.

Questions regarding this informational bulletin should be directed to EM1101 (Hazmat Officer) Kalvyn Smith or Battalion Chief Dale Kidwell.