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National Hazmat Fusion Center Western Symposium

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Welcome

- National Hazardous Materials Fusion Center Western Symposium organized by the IAFC National Hazardous Materials Fusion Center with the support from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).



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Challenges

- Transportation
- Fuels
- Terrorism
- Weapons of Mass Destruction
- H1N1



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National Hazmat Fusion Center

- One stop shop for:
 - Collection
 - Analysis
 - And dissemination of information

About hazmat responses and hazmat topics.

Built from the bottom up by first responders like you.



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- Website has been opened at:

www.hazmatfc.com

The Incident Report Form has been designed as one component of the portal and beta testing is under way before the system is rolled out nationwide next year.



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Regional Incident Survey Team

- RIST activities continue to be a focus for the National Hazardous Materials Fusion Center.
 - The goal of the RIST initiative is to develop and disseminate the lessons learned from hazmat incidents and then share best practices from surveyed incidents with the broader hazmat community nationally.



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- The RISTs have been established in every PHMSA region and they are actively responding post-incident to hazmat incidents by invitation of local or state jurisdictions or at the request of PHMSA.



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Rural Emergency Response Planning Demonstration Project

- The goals of the project include:
 - looking at the types of hazardous materials being transported through the selected jurisdiction with a focus on rail.
 - looking at the historical record of hazmat incidents that have occurred, to determine what hazmat response capabilities are in place.



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- the sustainability of those assets in a long-term incident.
- identify gaps in the local response plans, and to provide a resource guide for the jurisdiction.



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Over the past two years

- The IAFC has been in the forefront in developing training for alternative fuels response. We have partnered with federal agencies, such as PHMSA, the U.S. Fire Administration, and the U.S. Department of Energy, and organizations such as the Ethanol Emergency Response Coalition and the National Biodiesel Board, to develop training materials for incidents involving ethanol and biodiesel. The instructor guides, participant manuals, PowerPoint presentations and DVDs are designed to be easy-to-use and readily accessible for fire departments and other hazmat responders in their effort to acquire up-to-date information on strategies, tactics, and even the types of foams that need to be used.



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Why does the IAFC engage in these partnerships?

- We believe that common problems for our communities require common solutions involving all effected organizations.
- We believe that the fire and emergency services should be participating in and leading national-level discussions on the issues that affect our personnel and the communities they serve.
- And we strive to ensure the advancement of safety for all, because that is what a good leader and a great association does.



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- At this symposium I hope you take the time to network and learn from one another. I hope the sessions provide you with new knowledge to help keep your communities safe. Your attendance here today shows your dedication to improving leadership in your hazmat community.
- On behalf of the IAFC, thank you for attending and please enjoy the National Hazardous Materials Fusion Center Western Symposium.

