OPERATIONAL LEVEL RESPONSE TO HAZMAT/WMD INCIDENTS

PER-212

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service
National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center
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This course focuses on the unique personal protection challenges that responders face during a weapons of mass destruction (WMD)/terrorist incident or a hazardous materials incident. PER-212 is based on NFPA 472 (2008) consensus standard operations-level core competencies and personal protective equipment (PPE) mission specific competency, as well as OSHA (29CFR 1910.120) and EPA (40CFR Part 311) response regulations. PER-212 provides the knowledge and skills needed to obtain certification through the National Professional Qualifications System (NPQS/ProBoard) as an Operations-level responder.

Major topics include:
- Assessing WMD hazards
- Predicting the likely behavior of WMD materials
- Identifying defensive strategies for a WMD incident
- Effectively operating and communicating in a unified command structure of the Incident Command System (ICS)
- Determining detection equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needs
- Donning PPE
- Performing emergency decontamination

At the completion of this course, participants will be required to pass a comprehensive final exam. If successfully passed, participants receive a certificate of completion.

Training Level: Performance
Venue: Your jurisdiction
Course Length: Three days (24 hours)
Participant Audience:
Emergency personnel who will respond to a WMD terrorism or hazardous materials incident. Course participants include responders from the following disciplines/services:
- State, county and local law enforcement agencies
- Emergency medical services
- Fire/rescue service
- Public works/utility workers
- Emergency management
- Public health
- Health care providers
- Other allied government agencies tasked with WMD or HazMat response

Prerequisites: None

Note: When ProBoard testing, an Awareness level course meeting Chapter 4 of the NFPA 472 Standard (2008) is the certification requirement. The preferred course meeting the certification requirement is the TEEX online course:
AWR-160-W (http://teexwmdcampus.com)
or the instructor led:
AWR-160-SAT (TEEX Course #OGT-208).

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Class Size: 35 participants
Continuing Education Credits: IACET - 2.4 CEUs