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Center for Domestic Preparedness Anniston, Alabama

BACKGROUND

The threats faced by the Nation's first responders are diverse, deadly, and complex. There is growing concern that chemical, biological, radiological, or other hazardous materials will become terrorists' weapons of choice.

In June 1998, the Center for Domestic Preparedness opened its doors as a training center for the Nation's emergency responders. The CDP's mission is to operate a Federal training facility specializing in advanced hands-on training for America's Federal, State, local, tribal, parish, and private emergency responders, to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist acts, especially those involving weapons of mass destruction or hazardous materials.

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The CDP offers the only program in the Nation featuring civilian training exercises in a true toxic environment, using weapons-grade chemical agents. The hands-on training enables responders to effectively respond to real-world incidents involving chemical, biological, radiological, or other hazardous materials.



The Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama.

REALISTIC HANDS-ON TRAINING

Responders serve as the Nation's first line of defense and deserve the highest quality training available. Responders from all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories have trained at the CDP. The scope of training includes deterrence, preparedness, and response. Numerous Federal and non-federal training associates enable the CDP staff to take advantage of shared knowledge and ensure the Nation's responders receive the most up-to-date training.

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Responder Disciplines

- Emergency Management
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Service
- Governmental Administrative
- Hazardous Materials (HazMat)
- Health Care
- Law Enforcement
- Public Health
- Public Safety Communications
- Public Works

At the CDP, WMD training for State and local responders is fully funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Round-trip air and ground transportation, lodging, and meals are provided at no cost to responders or their agency.

Resident Training

WMD Technical Emergency Response Training Course:

A four-day, all-hazards training course that features operational level instruction. The course concludes with a training exercise in the toxic agent training facility.

WMD Hazardous Material Technician Training Course:

A three-day course in the composition, action, identification, and decontamination of WMD agents, preservation of crime scene evidence, and techniques for operating at a WMD terrorist incident. The course concludes with a training exercise in the toxic agent training facility.

WMD Emergency Medical Services:

A three-day course designed for all emergency medical personnel. Includes awareness and operational-level medical skills to respond

at the scene of a WMD mass casualty incident. The course concludes with a multi-task, hands-on medical exercise.

WMD Emergency Responder Hazardous Materials Technician Training:

A five-day course that provides emergency responders with WMD and hazardous materials technical training to satisfy OSHA requirements. The course is a combination of classroom training and hands-on exercises that culminate in a day of practical and written evaluations.

WMD Hands-On Training: A two-day advanced course that provides hands-on training with Personal Protective Equipment, advanced sampling and monitoring equipment, evidence collection and preservation, mass casualty triage, and explosive/ordnance secondary devices and searches. The course concludes with a training exercise in the toxic agent training facility.

Instructor Training Certification: A five-day course that provides instruction on adult learning theory and practice, job and training task analysis, training risk and hazard analysis, developing learning objectives and lesson plans, communication skills, instruction delivery and delivery media, developing tests and conducting evaluations, and performing after action reviews. Graduates are certified as WMD General Instructors.



A CDP training course utilizing Level A personal protective equipment.

WMD Agriculture Emergency Response Training: A four-day course that provides agricultural and non-agricultural responders with operational-level instruction of the agricultural sector, its importance to both National and economic security, and the threats and vulnerability that the agricultural sector is facing. Training culminates with a multi-task, hands-on exercise in an agricultural environment.

Resident and Non-Resident Training

WMD Incident Command: A three-day course that takes responders through command of a WMD terrorist event. The course culminates in an eight-hour, real time tabletop exercise using the materials developed in the previous sessions.

WMD Law Enforcement Protective Measures Train-the-Trainer (TtT): A two-day Train-the-Trainer (TtT) course in WMD-related topics and scenario driven practical exercises for in-service training of law enforcement trainers. The second day of this program prepares responders to teach this course in their home jurisdictions.



The CDP offers training courses using live chemical agents.

Non-Resident Training

WMD HazMat Evidence Collection: A two-day course for responders that provides a crime scene management overview, prepares the responder to properly respond to and document a WMD crime scene, enables the responder to employ the FBI's 12-step evidence collection process, and prepares the responder to identify and collect potential evidence.

Managing Civil Actions in Threat Incidents Basic Course (TtT) Course: A five-day course for law enforcement officers who are currently or will be giving instruction in basic civil disorder tactics, or those who will be employing tactics of crowd control during a civil disorder or a WMD event.

Managing Civil Actions in Threat Incidents Command Course: A five-day course designed for responders directing the planning and response phase of a civil incident or protest event. Training culminates with a command post exercise applying concepts discussed during the course.

Managing Civil Actions in Threat Incidents Protester Devices: A three-day course designed for responders involved in the response phase of a civil disorder event or protester action. Training includes information on tools and techniques for safely removing protester devices from individuals and protection methods. The course includes two days of field exercises working with locking devices used by protesters.

For information on CDP training courses, see the descriptions included in this fact sheet. Course prerequisites are available on our Web site, <http://cdp.dhs.gov>, or by phone at 1-866-213-9553.

WMD Crime Scene Management for Emergency Responders:

A one-day course addressing phases and components of a crime scene; legal issues and Federal statutes; hazards personal protective equipment; responsibilities; and the steps for collecting evidence at a WMD scene.

WMD Complexities-Incident Response (Responder):

A one-day, on-site delivery course encompassing WMD emergency response-related topics and advanced hands-on training with personal protective equipment, instrumentation, techniques, and procedures.

WMD Complexities-Incident Response (Clinician):

A one-day, on-site delivery course encompassing WMD emergency medical-related topics and advanced hands-on training with personal protective equipment, instrumentation, techniques, and procedures.

WMD Respiratory Protection Program: A two-day course designed to provide necessary core information to develop, implement, administer, and sustain a respiratory protection program as defined in 29 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1910 (29 CFR 1910).

WMD Law Enforcement Protective Measures: A one-day course that presents information on terrorist tactics and targeting, related WMD hazards, indicators of terrorism, and protective measures taken by law enforcement officers responding to a terrorist WMD event.



A practice evacuation being conducted using Level C personal protective equipment.

WMD Law Enforcement Response Action: A one-day course that examines the role of ordnance/explosive materials and devices used in terrorist attacks, as well as the presence of secondary devices targeted at the emergency responder.

Command and WMD Response: A one-day course that includes pre-incident planning and response plan development, domestic and international terrorism, chemical, biological, radiological and explosive agents and materials associated with WMD. Attendees participate in hands-on practical exercises.