

Free Training for First Responders

Cleveland Fire Department and Cleveland State University, with funding from PUCO, are offering the following courses at no cost. CFD consulted with leaders of local specialty rescue teams SERT, CSHMT, WSHM, HASRT, Hilltech and requested funding for training. Much of the training has been completed. The remaining opportunities are listed below:

Course: 40 hrs Hazardous Materials Technician **Class Size:** 5 to 20
Dates: May 11, 18 June 1, 8, & 15 (5 consecutive Mondays skip Memorial Day)
Location: Cole Center at 3100 Chester Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Course: 40 hrs Hazardous Materials Technician **Class Size:** 5 firefighters
Dates: July 27, 28, 29, 30, & 31 (CFD will have 30 members in class)
Location: Cleveland Fire Training Academy
3101 Lakeside Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44114
{Training will occur during CFD 2009 recruit class. Participants must have 240 hr Level II Ohio Certificate}

Course: Confined Space Entry **Class Size:** Max 25
Dates: May 1, 6 and 8
Location: Fire Station 13 at 4950 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio 44127

Course: Confined Space Rescue (2 day course) **Class Size:** Max 25
Dates: Day 1 May 13, 14 & 15-----Day 2 May 19, 20 & 21
Location: Day 1 Fire Station 13 -----Day 2 NASA/Glenn on Brookpark Rd.

Course: Train the Trainer **Class Size:** 5 to 20
Dates: TBA
Location: Cole Center at 3100 Chester Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

To register/questions
(Email both is preferred)

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Courses are free. There is **no** money for overtime, backfill, lunches or parking. The PUCO prohibits reimbursement for these activities. There is a \$5.00 parking fee per vehicle at CSU Cole Center. "Times" of training have not been determined, but in general a flexible 9 to 5 schedule is being considered. Efforts have and will be made to avoid unnecessary contractual overtime in order to maximize attendance.

For a detailed description of the Train the Trainer course and its benefits see page two.

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The “Train the Trainer” course has its origin on the cover of the PUCO grant application. *“In order to have the greatest impact with the limited amount of grant funds, the PUCO strongly encourages applicants to pursue Train the Trainer courses.”* The PUCO is trying to achieve a “multiplier” effect.

Annually CSU receives more requests for grant training than it is able to provide. During the next funding cycle CSU may lose a large portion of its funding. This is **our** and should be **your** possible solution. Consider sending a member in order that they may assume “refresher” training for your department.

Our Train the Trainer is similar to other adult education instruction programs. Does it mirror OFA instructor course? IAFF course? IFSTA? Not exactly, but many of the same concepts are covered in all these programs. The Train the Trainer course does differentiate in that we stress sensory learning techniques and feel we have top shelf instructors. A CSU Train the Trainer certificate holder is not certified to teach at OFA, IAFF or even CSU. They are certified to teach under the **Authority Having Jurisdiction**. If a student stands out in an area of CSU need, then we would consider them. There are no guarantees; it is good information on how to effectively relay information to the adult learner. It does remove a layer of vulnerability if an executive officer can have all training reviewed by a certified “trainer”.

6 points for a busy Chief

1. Allows you to hold your own Haz.Mat., Confined Space or whatever refresher requirements you have imposed on your Department on your own schedule/location. (Most applicable to Ops, Entry or refresher training.)
2. In the spirit of PUCO directive, it insures you can continue your own training if CSU cannot.
3. It will add creditability to Fire Con Ed program to meet State of Ohio new requirements. Record keeping, attendance issues, problem students...hints for the new Lt. of training.
4. Low cost, free except for backfill, no travel, no lodging, no parking fees.....
5. “Get something back.” Annually you spend resources to maintain presence on these specialty rescue teams. Encourage a member to complete Train the Trainer then train your department!
6. Moves us towards a more “regional approach”.

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