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Good Afternoon to All,

I hope that everyone has been able to prepare for the forthcoming holiday season. I had a good trip to San Antonio last week to attend the Texas Homeland Security Conference.

I have attached the training calendar and seat availability through the end of March 2008. There are a lot of great training opportunities to be filled, please take a few minutes to look through the materials and feel free to pass them on to other first responders and agencies. After the holiday season is over, a lot of these seats fill very quickly as people are ready to get out of the office for a week or so, get in on it early to secure your training seat(s).

PROGRAM OF THE WEEK
Program A

WMD Hazardous Materials Technician (HT) Course

The WMD Hazardous Materials Technician course is a 24-hour course that provides the responder with an overview of international and domestic terrorist threats; seminars in chemical, biological, radiological, and explosive hazards that may be used as WMD; and hands-on practical exercises utilizing the responder's knowledge and skills in identifying, detecting, categorizing, and neutralizing hazardous substances. As part of the 24 contact hours for this course, the responder performs hazardous materials technician operations at a toxic agent training facility.

Target Audience/Disciplines: hazardous materials (HAZMAT).

Additional Qualifications/Certifications: HT is designed for OSHA-qualified HAZMAT technicians (29 CFR 1910.120).

There are numerous opportunities to attend this training program. See attached material for dates.

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SUBJECT: Weapons of Mass Destruction Training

Dear Responder,

I am the Central Region Training Coordinator for the Center of Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama. We specialize in providing Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training to first responders throughout the country. Our training is sponsored by the United States Department of Homeland Security. Our current schedule and course descriptions can be viewed on our website, <http://cdp.dhs.gov> along with more information about the Center.

Training is completely funded and includes travel to and from the Center, meals and snacks during training period, lodging, training and training material. We do cover some fees associated with getting to the airport, parking and returning home, and that paperwork will be completed while you are here in training. We will pay mileage for someone who chooses to drive their personal vehicle, 48.5 cents a mile not to exceed the price of an airline ticket from the same location.

To apply for a course, complete our training application and medical screening form and fax it to your State Point-of-Contact. Forms and POC contact information can be found on our website, <http://cdp.dhs.gov> or feel free to give me call.

Once you are enrolled into a class, a confirmation message will be sent via email to either you or your State Coordinator along with your class number and dates. All class dates include travel days to and from the Center. After making your travel arrangements, our travel section will send a package to your home address, about 10 days prior to your departure date for training, containing your flight information, electronic ticket, inprocessing forms, and information about the Center. If you are unable to attend the designated class, please notify your State Coordinator and myself as soon as possible.

If there is any way I can assist you, don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

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