

Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP)



The Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) is a vital training component of the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Training and Education Division. The CDP develops and delivers training for emergency response providers from state, local, and tribal governments and, when appropriate, the federal government, foreign governments, and private sector entities. The CDP offers over 50 training courses at its resident campus in Anniston, Alabama. Training at the CDP campus is federally funded at no cost to state, local, and tribal emergency response professionals from the following disciplines: Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Service, Governmental Administrative, Hazardous Materials, Healthcare, Law Enforcement, Public Health, Public Safety Communications, and Public Works. In addition to resident training, the CDP has a robust mobile training capability that can provide critical advanced hands-on training in local jurisdictions across the country.

The CDP's Chemical, Ordnance, Biological, and Radiological Training Facility (COBRATF) is the nation's only federally chartered toxic agent training facility for state, local, and tribal emergency responders. This unique facility serves as the platform for tactical operations training in a contaminated environment that includes nerve agents (GB-Sarin/VX), simulated biological hazards (Ricin/Anthrax), and radiological sources. The CDP's Noble Training Facility (NTF) is a hospital venue that serves as a platform for multiple healthcare, emergency medical service, public health, and environmental health courses. NTF provides participants with a realistic training environment designed to prepare and challenge professionals for mass casualty incidents as a result of a catastrophic natural disaster or terrorist act.