



National Domestic Preparedness Consortium

Supervisor Comments Outcome-Based Study Surveys

(To protect their privacy, the names of the participants have been excluded.)

Colorado

240 SAMPLING (DD)

Mark Korbitz
Pueblo City County Health
Department
Salido, CO

Change in Performance Rating Pre- and Post-Training (based on a scale of 1-10): +7 points

He is much more comfortable with all the equipment we have here and his overall enthusiasm in putting our WMD task force together has been invaluable; his confidence level working in PPE has increased tremendously. We have actually ordered some of the equipment that we used in the course, and have started a WMD task force, and all the members have attended your course – it has spurred us on to be of more assistance to local hazmat teams here in CO. We have used the skills in white powder events, postal incidents and have sampled according to the protocols learned in this course.

The course opened up a whole new perspective in terms of joining our traditional first responders with the lab technicians and to build the task force that serves as a bridge between the two – he is our logistics chief for the task force and serves as the liaison between the first responders and the lab techs. If anyone has any kind of interest in building a local capacity for identifying local substances, sampling them and getting them back to the lab from the field, I would definitely recommend this course. Congress should continue to fund you! I could do a commercial for the NCBRT!

240 SAMPLING (DD)

Chief Don Taylor
Salido Fire Department
Salido, CO

Change in Performance Rating Pre- and Post-Training (based on a scale of 1-10): +3

It really opened up his mind in terms of planning and resources for the preparatory side, because we don't actually get that many calls for this (sampling). We have expanded that area of our hazmat protocols and setting up a three-county hazmat team that will use those protocols, and they will be used by the county as well. The training is in an area that we are looking into but never had to deal with before, and the value of the training in this economy was great, because we only had personnel costs – no registration fees or travel – items that are extremely detrimental to our budget – so free, or low cost training for us, is huge. I will recommend this training – and have! You guys are bringing it to Pueblo, and that was based upon this class, because some of the guys went back and told the guys in Pueblo – that is why the training will be there soon!

Louisiana

232 ACAMEO

James Stanley
Fire Chief
Carlyss Fire Department
Sulphur, LA

Change in Performance Rating Pre-/Post-Training (on a scale of 1-10): +3 Point(s)

I have observed demonstrated good knowledge in the use of the program and how to use the program on an incident. We have added the use of CAMEO on incidents since the training. The training was valuable, because it gives us another tool for use in emergency response. I feel that others in the emergency response field need to be up-to-date on the advancement of technology. We can only move forward in emergency response if everyone is moving forward.

272 CAMPUS EMERGENCIES (DD)

Philip C. Williams, J.D., Ph.D.
President
McNeese State University
Lake Charles, LA

Change in Performance Rating Pre-/Post-Training (on a scale of 1-10): +1 Point(s)

He has exhibited strong leadership skills in organizing a crisis preparedness task force. We have developed plans for all departments on campus and have improved our communications capabilities. We have corrected deficiencies in our committee structure – making crisis planning more streamlined and effective.

608 LASER (TTT)

Grant Walker
Vice-President
Ochsner Health System
New Orleans, LA

Change in Performance Rating Pre-/Post-Training (on a scale of 1-10): +3 Point(s)

He learned an entirely new process for active shooter response which caused us to modify our entire response plan! We modified our response plan to the doctrine presented during your course. The experience of the presenters and the new doctrine presented, were invaluable.

New Mexico

Jeff M. Witte
Director/Secretary
New Mexico Department of Agriculture
Las Cruces, NM

Change in Performance Rating Pre- and Post-Training (based on a scale of 1-10): +4 points

She has a much better understanding of the food and agriculture sector and the vulnerabilities associated with it. Our EOP's are continuously reviewed and amended as needed. This training was a good introduction to the issues. I would recommend it, because it was a good course.

222 FOOD EMERGENCIES (DD)

Tim Darden
Assistant Division Director
New Mexico Department of Agriculture
Agricultural and Environmental Services Division
Feed, Seed, and Fertilizer Section
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, NM

Change in Performance Rating Pre-/Post-Training (on a scale of 1-10): +1 Point(s)

I believe all of the training in emergency response and preparedness that we can get is valuable, as it assists with everyday situations and situational awareness. Also, the expansion of available courses has taught our inspectors about things we did not consider prior to having these courses. Again, every bit of training we receive opens our eyes to different situations that we should be looking for while in the field.

Oklahoma

222 FOOD EMERGENCIES (DD)

Jon Pruitt

Director, Meat & Poultry Inspection

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry

Oklahoma City, OK

Change in Performance Rating Pre-/Post-Training (on a scale of 1-10): +1 Point(s)

She displays greater interest in food safety emergency response and bio-terrorism. She recently participated in the Oklahoma Food Safety Task Force. This training improved the awareness, individual roles, and contact information within the local emergency response network.

Oklahoma (Continued)

250 TAC PLANNING

Gary Isbell

Lieutenant

Oklahoma Highway Patrol

Muskogee, OK

Change in Performance Rating Pre-/Post-Training (on a scale of 1-10): +3 Point(s)

I have observed improvements in evaluating and planning for solving problems. We are using the training to improve the troop response situations that may arise. The training provides options that were not part of our previous training. The training is needed to help develop and plan our response strategies.

310 GUIDELINES (DD)

Lt. Larry Withrow

Oklahoma City Police Department

Crime Scene Unit

Oklahoma City, OK

Change in Performance Rating Pre- and Post-Training (based on a scale of 1-10): +4 points

The training offers a broad view of potential hazards which may be found at a crime scene. Health and safety are the most important aspects of our job.

615 MENTAL HEALTH

Shaun Cecil
RN/Paramedic Director
Jackson County EMS
Altus, OK

Change in Performance Rating Pre-/Post-Training (on a scale of 1-10): NA

In recent discussions, he brought up several ideas and thoughts related to taking this class. The training was valuable, because you always need more education from reputable sources. I believe all medics should be well-rounded in this day, and these classes aid in achieving that goal.

Texas

244 T4

Alan Smith
Director of Safety
Greyhound Lines, Inc.
Dallas, TX

Change in Performance Rating Pre-/Post-Training (on a scale of 1-10): +2 Point(s)

She has much better understanding of how to deal with security situations. Despite her background in law enforcement, she has gained knowledge of security measures as they apply to transportation. More attention is being given to security in our response planning. The training was valuable, as it has increased knowledge of security in the public transportation sector. Many valuable issues on security were raised that heightened our awareness to proper planning.

270 P&D (TTT)

Steve Schippers
Texas Military Forces
San Antonio, TX

Change in Performance Rating Pre-/Post-Training (on a scale of 1-10): +1 Point(s)

The training provided more specifics to focus on intelligence areas. We reviewed CONOPS for gaps in LE-focused areas and rewrote some of the situation and mission paragraphs after the training. The training was definitely valuable – we plan to send more to this training, I would recommend it, if, for nothing else, the situational awareness training, and to open eyes towards LE and intelligence. He has instructed several courses for my unit over the past few years, and he is always very professional, informative and engaging; he truly understands Defense Support to Civil Authorities missions and how to bridge the gap between civil authorities and the military.

Anonymous
Arlington, TX

Change in Performance Rating Pre-/Post-Training (on a scale of 1-10): +2 Point(s)

I have observed better preparations for when we may need to deploy under hazardous conditions. We now have a better understanding of when it would be appropriate to use certain equipment. We are more prepared and knowledgeable than before. We have improved our decision-making criteria for when we utilize the basic equipment we have. Also, we have a better understanding of when we may have to back away from a situation and why. The training is essential to safe deployments and decision-making in hazardous environments or those that are potentially hazardous. Everyone should prepare for hazardous situations, in order to make safety and deployment decisions.