

Workshop Description

3/29/07 1:15 pm Workshop Block 2

12. Meth lab cleanup (*Mid-west Consortium – Richard Dwyer*) *Track: Emergency/Disaster Response and Preparedness*

The manufacture of Methamphetamine is a growing problem in many areas of the country. Meth can be manufactured from readily available ingredients in a kitchen, a motel room, a shed or even out of the back of a car. For each pound of Meth manufactured five to seven pounds of hazardous waste is generated. Homes where Meth has been “cooked” can be highly contaminated and must be thoroughly decontaminated prior to occupancy. This workshop will introduce a 24-hour training program for Meth lab cleanup workers. This program is designed to follow the 40-hour haz-waste course.

Using a mock Meth lab, the workshop will introduce the course and discuss the hazards and explain how to do some of the hands on work practices such as duct cleaning, rug removal and gross debris removal. A copy of the Meth Lab Cleanup Participant’s Guide and Instructor’s Guide will be available through the Clearinghouse.