

Disaster Site Worker Course Workshop:
**Ensuring Skilled and Other Support
Personnel are Prepared for Disasters**



National Mine Health and Safety Academy
1301 Airport Road, Beaver, West Virginia

Agenda

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

9:00 – 9:20

Welcome

Barbara McCabe, International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) National HAZMAT Program
Janet Bertinuson, Superintendant, National Mine Academy

9:20 – 9:40

Overview of Workshop and Workshop Goals

Chip Hughes, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), Worker Education and Training Program (WETP); *Frame the Issues for the Workshop*

John Ferris, Acting Deputy Director, Directorate of Science, Technology and Medicine (DSTM), OSHA; *DSTM's Role and Interest in the Disaster Site Worker Courses*

Jim Barnes, Director, Office of Training and Educational Programs, Directorate of Training and Education (DTE)

9:40 – 10:40

Potential Consequences of Disaster Site Work

Gregory Fayard, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries; *Disaster Fatality Statistics*

Jeanne M. Stellman, SUNY Downstate Medical Center; *PTSD Among Emergency Responders versus Construction Workers*

Davitt McAteer, former Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health Administration; *Mine Disasters and Response Activities*

10:40 – 11:00

Break

11:00 – 12:30

Challenges of Training at a Disaster Site

Facilitator: **Don Elisburg**, National Clearinghouse; *Facilitated discussion working towards strategies to ensure workers receive pre-incident training*

Chris Trahan, CPWR, The Center for Construction Research and Training; *Brief recap of training at the World Trade Center*

Ron Snyder, Kirkwood Community College; *Brief recap of training at Katrina*

Mike Zustra, Director, Environmental Health and Safety, The Shaw Group; *DHS Disaster Training Requirements and Katrina Experience*

Tim Gallagher, FEMA Training Officer in charge of USAR; *How and where they fit in and the importance of NIMS compliance*

12:30 – 1:30

Lunch

- 1:30 – 2:30** **Comprehensive Safety and Health Training for Workers Engaged in Disaster Response Activities**
Facilitator: **Chris Trahan**, CPWR, The Center for Construction Research and Training; *Facilitated discussion on how we clarify the differences between Disaster Site Worker, HAZWOPER and site specific training and why there is a need for each of them.*
- 2:30 – 2:55** **Building Coalitions at the Grassroots Level**
Chief **Jim Riley**, Chair of State USAR Alliance and **Bill Byrnes**, IUOE Local 825; *Case Study of the Alliance*
- 2:55 – 3:00** **Charge to Breakouts**
Donald Elisburg, National Clearinghouse
- 3:00 – 3:15** **Break/Move to Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
- 3:15 – 4:45** **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
Discussions on policy changes to ensure the training is widely used and other ways to promote the training/marketing plans
- 4:45 – 5:15** **Report Back from Concurrent Sessions**

Thursday, May 22, 2008

- 8:30 – 9:15** **Review of the Development and Delivery of the Disaster Site Worker Course**
Jim Barnes, DTE and **Jim Remington**, NIEHS; *Overview of Development Process*
Chip Booth, IUOE National HAZMAT Program and **Robert Nesbit**, University of South Florida; *Experiences in delivering the course*
- 9:15 – 10:00** **Revisiting the Disaster Site Worker Courses**
Discussion of the 7600 course, the 5600 course and a new update course for trainers.
Bruce Lippy, The Lippy Group; *Overview of courses, issues and ideas for possible changes*
- 10:00 – 10:15** **Break**
- 10:15 – 11:45** **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
Discussions on the content of each course and how the courses connect to one another
- 11:45 – 12:00** **Report Back from Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
- 12:00 – 12:30** **Wrap up**
Stewart Burkhammer, Burkhammer Consulting Services; *Private Sector and Construction Industry Disaster Preparedness Coordination*