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The Book Way or *THE Way?*

**Ensuring Safety of Responders Via Risk-Based
Decision Making**

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Introductions

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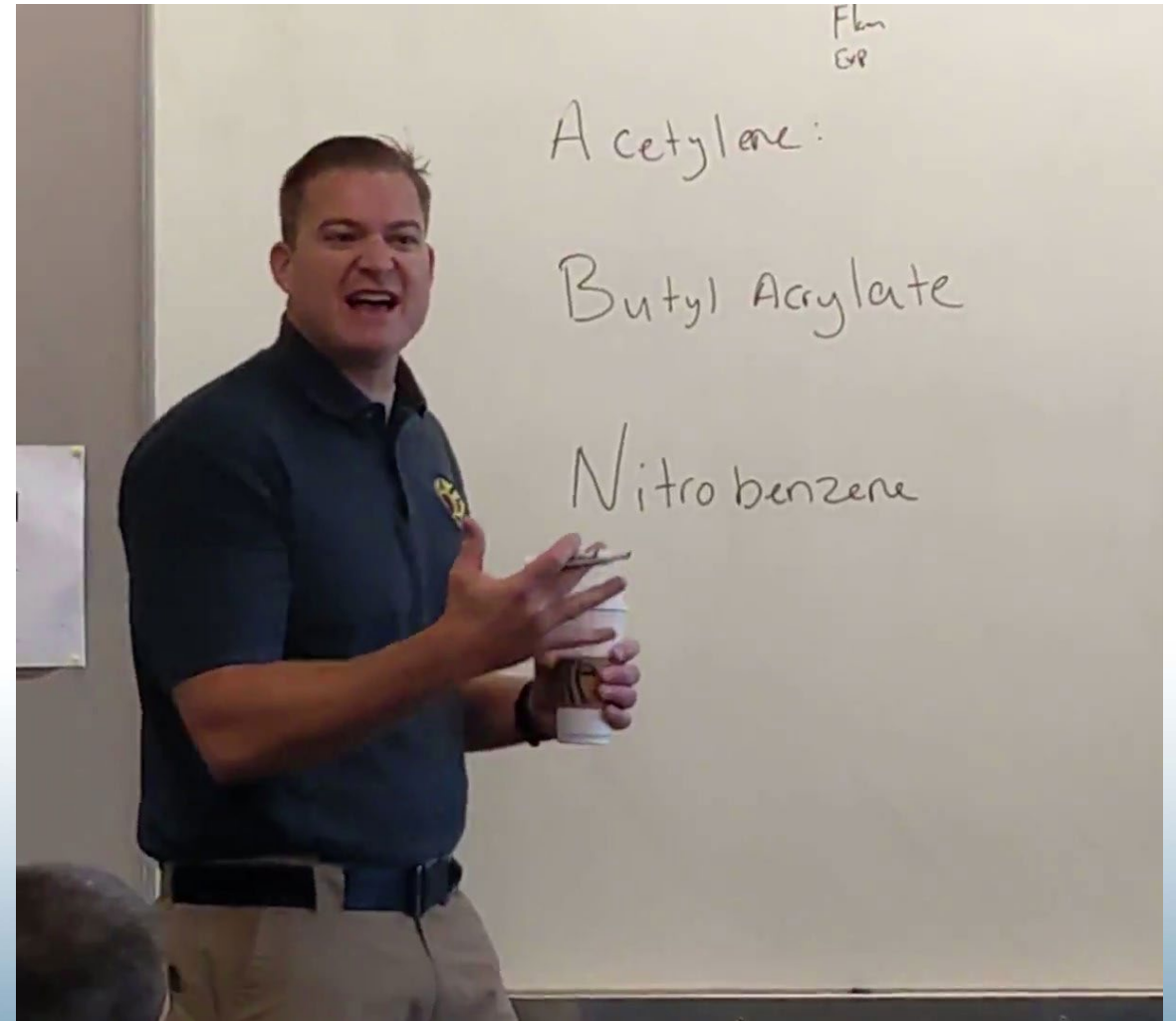
- Battalion Chief, Chicago (IL) Fire Department (ret.)
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“Its not how you will do it in the field... but”

Why do we say this???

- Curriculum?
- Certification Exam
 - Who Created?
 - When Created?
- Because it was how we were taught?



This is the Way

So... if this is the way you will really do it... Why?

- Faster
- Easier
- Safer
 - Follows AHJ SOP/SOG
 - Equipment/Personnel Limitations



Training Based on the Risk

Responder Safety is #1

- Capabilities
- Equipment
- Threats
- Support/Additional Resources



Great... so, how?

Instructional Preparation

- Site Plans
- Chemical Inventories
- Response Equipment Inventories
- Actual Response Resources



Example #1 DECON

Large part of most classes

- Equipment Setup
- Labor Intensive
- Incorporates PPE
- But what do responders use?



For those in Industry



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Example #2 Responses

Refresher Training anyone?

- SCBA use...
 - Do they have SCBA?
- What leaked last year?
 - Oh... the B Kit... again...
- Decontamination
 - We don't want to put it away wet, so just... set it up... again.



Base the training on the Risks...



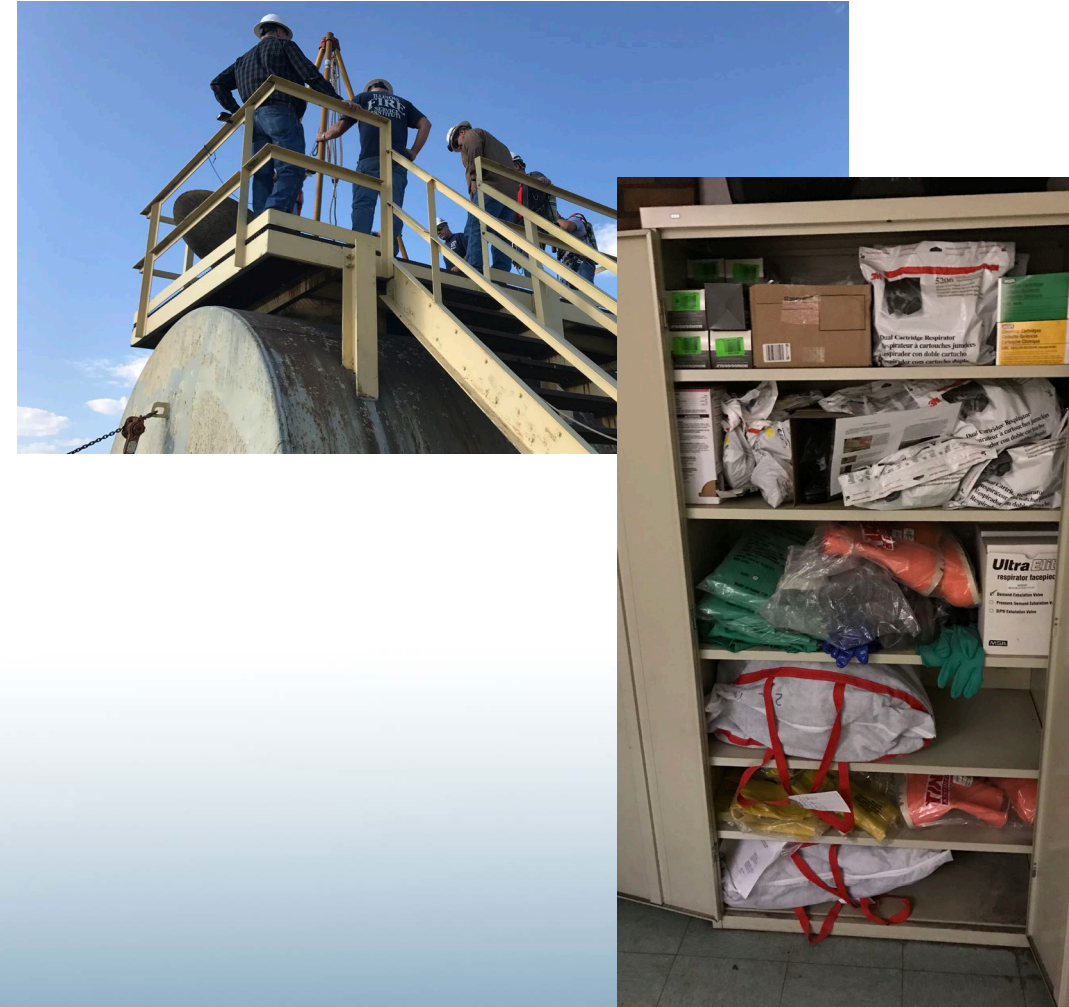
And their capabilities...



So... Where do I get the Info?

Well... it Depends...

- Do you work there?
- Is this the first time there?
- Contact the POC before the class and ask!
- But your students will be the best resource.



What are YOUR Book Ways?

Or *THE* Way?

- In the classroom
- For hands-on
- For initial training
- For refresher training



Summary

Great... What can we do?

- Change the exams?
- Change the response?
- Provide a safer alternative?
- Responder Safety is always #1

