

Upcoming Specialty Training in Region 2 South

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2016 Technical Support and Response Team Training

Based on a Hazmat incident at one of the hospitals in Region 2 South, in 2012 the region partnered with the Hazmat Coordinator at that facility to conceptualize and develop plans to establish a Region 2 South Technical Support and Response Team (TSRT) and procured one Gasmeter portable gas spectrum analyzer, which is used in a Hazmat situation to analyze the types of gases that may be present, and ancillary equipment identified to support this mobile field resource and response Team.

The Gasmeter portable gas spectrum analyzer is available for use at health care facilities during an emergency or Mass Casualty Incident (MCI). The Region 2 South TSRT is a Hazmat Response Team available for immediate deployment to set up and operate the highly specialized Gasmeter portable gas spectrum analyzer and decontamination equipment.

The Region 2 South Gasmeter portable gas spectrum analyzer and TSRT support team have been used in response to an incident in Region 2 South in 2012 and in Region 1 in 2013. Throughout these events, the Gasmeter performed flawlessly and proved its capability and value.

To ensure ongoing familiarity with this specialized equipment and encourage ongoing participation from team members, Region 2 South will conduct its annual TSRT training on July 27, 2016. Individuals interested in joining the Region 2 South TSRT or learning more about the program should contact the Region 2 South office at email@2south.org.

2016 Technical Support Team Training

Region 2 South is the housing agency responsible for maintaining operational readiness for Michigan's one-hundred bed Transportable Emergency Surge Assistance (MI-TESA) unit. Operational readiness is achieved in part by maintaining a trained and exercised Technical Support Team (TST).

Region 2 South's TST is comprised of roughly forty (40) individuals from various disciplines including logistics officers, skilled trade professionals, communications experts, paramedics, hospital representatives, and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members. The mission of the TST is to survey and stage deployment locations, construct and outfit the MI-TESA unit, provide operational support throughout activation, and conduct recovery operations.

During the training, TST members will conduct initial set up of the facility, outfit the structure with the necessary biomedical equipment, construct the hygiene centers, disassemble and re-package the facility. The TST will be exercising twenty-four (24) hour coverage maintaining the MI-TESA unit during the two-day training. As such, the Region 2 South Healthcare Coalition will conduct its annual TST training on August 20-21.

Those interested in joining the Region 2 South TST to assist with MI-TESA operations can contact the Region 2 South office at email@2south.org.