



WMD Radiological/Nuclear Responder Operations Course PER-240

This operations-level weapons of mass destruction (WMD) course is designed to teach first responders how to respond to an incident involving a radiological or nuclear WMD, such as a Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD, or "Dirty Bomb") or an Improvised Nuclear Device (IND).

Course Description:

Responders are given hands-on experience with radiation fields while learning the basic operation of radiation detectors and dosimeters. Attendees are taught to conduct radiological surveys of personnel, vehicles, facilities, and outdoor areas. Hands-on activities blend cognitive knowledge of radiation and instruments with survey techniques used in detecting the presence of radiation, locating radioactive material, and measuring levels of radiation and radiological contamination.

Attendees also learn to select personal protective equipment (PPE), perform radiological decontamination, conduct team operations at a radioactive hot zone, and perform lifesaving rescue operations in high radiation areas.

The course culminates with an evaluation exercise requiring attendee teams, under a unified command, to respond to a scenario where a terrorist attack has dispersed radiological material at a facility or in a public transportation system.

Every participant will be issued a dosimeter and radiation survey meter; however, it is recommended that attendees bring their own department's equipment if available.

This is a "live agent" course using actual radioactive and nuclear materials. This course is designed and monitored so that attendees receive only minor radiation doses (lower than a chest X-ray or a typical round-trip airline flight across the U.S.)

Course Length:

24 hours (three 8-hour days)

Prerequisite:

Weapons of Mass Destruction Radiological/Nuclear Awareness Course (AWR-140-W). This course is available online at <http://www.ctosnnsa.org>.



After rescuing victims of an RDD attack, responders detect radioactive contamination in a subway car.



A responder checks for safe radiation levels in a bus after a simulated RDD attack on a metropolitan bus station.



Responder team prepares to assess the scene after a simulated terrorist attack involving radioactive medical devices in a hospital.

Target Audience:

- ◇ Law Enforcement
- ◇ Emergency Medical Services
- ◇ Emergency Management Agency
- ◇ Fire Service
- ◇ Hazardous Materials (HazMat)
- ◇ Public Works
- ◇ Governmental Administrative
- ◇ Public Safety Communications
- ◇ Health Care
- ◇ Public Health
- ◇ Other skilled support personnel that provide immediate support services during prevention, response, and recovery operations



Responders check the buildings surrounding the scene of a simulated RDD attack on a metropolitan bus station.

Eligibility:

It is the responsibility of the jurisdiction to select qualified course participants.

Enrollment Information:

In order to attend a training class delivered by one of the Federal Emergency Management Agency/National Preparedness Directorate (FEMA/NPD) partners, a request must be provided to the designated U.S. Department of Homeland Security training point of contact. For the training coordinator in your area, please contact the FEMA/NPD Help Line at 800-368-6498.



Responders measure radiation and contamination levels in a clandestine lab at a simulated terrorist safe house.

Certificate:

A certificate will be issued upon successful completion of the course, acknowledging 2.4 continuing education units (CEUs) through the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). A letter verifying CEUs can be provided upon request by contacting the Counter Terrorism Operations Support (CTOS) registration desk.

Cost:

All training and course materials are provided at no cost to eligible participants.

Course Delivery:

The course is delivered by a Mobile Training Team at the participants' locations.

For More Information, Contact the Registration Desk at:
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