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CONTINUING CHALLENGE NEWSLETTER

A PUBLICATION OF THE CONTINUING CHALLENGE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

The 31st Annual

CONTINUING CHALLENGE

HazMat Emergency Response Workshop

The Nation's Leading Hazardous Materials Emergency Response



Stinger operation performed by Contra Costa Health Services, hazardous Materials Programs in response to an 9,000 gallon overturned gasoline tanker during a mutual aid for the Marin County JPA HazMat team.

2020 Workshop
September 8-11, 2020 in
Sacramento, California

2020 Theme
The Continuing Challenge:
The Continuing Vision for
the Future

Fellow Responders:

The Continuing Challenge Hazardous Materials Committee hopes that the 2020 Spring Newsletter finds you and your families doing well, in good health and meeting the COVID-19 shelter in place directive in good spirits. These are unprecedented times, and we know that many of you are on the front lines dealing with the challenges this pandemic has created as you serve the public. We would like to thank you for your service and the many sacrifices you make to perform your jobs.

We want to let you know that we are committed to having the 2020 HazMat Workshop September 8 – 11. The shelter in place directive has created many uncertainties and challenges in planning, but we continue to operate on the assumption that most, or all, of the restrictions will be lifted in the coming months. With a little more dedicated social distancing, and some luck, we anticipate a successful 31st Annual Workshop. Look for future Newsletters, Email and Website updates as we move forward. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Workshop in September!

Stay Safe,
The Continuing Challenge Hazardous Materials Committee

2020 Continuing Challenge Awards — by Bob Hamilton

Each year, The Continuing Challenge Workshop honors excellence in the field of hazardous materials response with the annual awards program. We have a total of five awards that may be granted on an annual basis with a maximum of one award per category.

Any person or organization may nominate individuals or organizations (from anywhere in the world) in any of the appropriate categories by completing a nomination form. The form is available in the Awards section of the Continuing Challenge website at www.hazmat.org.

The following are the awards which may be bestowed by the Committee.

- The William J. Patterson Lifetime Achievement Award
- The James H. Meidl Instructor of the Year Award
- The Continuing Challenge Medal of Valor
- The Robert P. Turkington Innovation and Technology Award
- The Leo K. Najarian Responder of the Year Award

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Awards Coordinator Bob Hamilton at RBH1640@aol.com or by calling 916-933-3772.

Our Award Nomination form is available online at www.hazmat.org.

Nominate someone that you know today.

Nominations are due by May 1, 2020.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

The Continuing Education Units (CEUs) offered will be General, EMS, and REHS. They will be processed directly through Gary Pirkig at CPR LifeHouse, Etc. For more information contact Gary at 707-771-9321 or email gpirkig@gmail.com.

Important Dates

- Exhibitor Registration is open until August 1st
- Student Registration opens June 1st
- Submit Photo Contest submissions online by August 1st of each year.
- For more information, please visit our website at www.hazmat.org.

Contests

Name that Unknown Contest

Wednesday evening following the Bar-B-Que

Show your understanding and mastery of Field Chemistry, the core of HazMat. Establish your agency as top professionals in this field.



The First Place Team wins FREE registration to the 2021 Continuing Challenge (non-transferable) and the Perpetual Trophy for the year. Visit our website at www.hazmat.org for more contest information and to submit your registration.

HazMat Photography Contest for a chance to win...



Enter your photo online at www.hazmat.org. Please select the dropdown menu About Us for more information.

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Our Mission: To provide safe response training for all emergency responders to hazardous materials incidents affecting public health and the environment.