HazMat/WMD AWARENESS

About Awareness Level training
OSHA’s Hazwoper rule (CFR1910.120) establishes training levels for personnel involved in the response to hazardous materials incidents. In their document NFPA 472 - Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, the National Fire Protection Association defines competencies for personnel at each level. At the Awareness Level, personnel are expected to:
- Identify the presence of hazardous materials or WMDs at an incident site;
- Survey a hazmat incident from a safe location to identify the name, UN/NA identification number, or type placard applied for any hazardous materials involved;
- Recognize the signs of a terrorist attack;
- Collect hazard information from the current edition of the Emergency Response Guidebook;
- Initiate protective actions;
- Notify appropriate responders.

About the program
“HazMat/WMD Awareness” teaches police officers, fire fighters, EMS, security guards, highway workers, and industrial personnel how to recognize potential problems and take appropriate action to protect themselves and others, and to initiate actions to lead to a favorable outcome. It describes the nature of hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction, and their harmful properties.

The program tells how to detect the presence of hazmats by examining the type of occupants, containers, and use of the senses. The U.S. DOT hazard class system is described and the nine classes listed. Labels and placards are also portrayed. The NFPA Standard System for the Identification of the Fire Hazards of Materials is covered, and the importance of the Emergency Response Guidebook as a resource is stressed.

Both fixed facility and transportation incidents are portrayed. The program shows Awareness Level personnel initiating protective actions through evacuation and sheltering in place, using the Emergency Response Plan, and using Material Safety Data Sheets, shipping papers and other hazard identification systems.

The accompanying Leader’s Guide includes group problem solving activities, workshop and training activities, and classroom exercises to reinforce work practices introduced by the film. Pre- and post-seminar quizzes are also included, as well as a copy of the script for reference purposes.

About the Technical Committee
Emergency Film Group programs are created with the assistance of authorities in the subject field. Technical committee members for “HazMat/WMD Awareness” include:

Jerry Grey, Captain, San Francisco Fire Dept. (ret.); President of HazTech Systems, which produces the HazCat Chemical Identification Kit. Chief Grey has over 30 years of fire service experience and was the recipient of the Continuing Challenge HazMat Level A Award. He is a committee member for NFPA 472.

Chris Herman, Emergency Response Specialist with BP Toledo and author of articles on fire-related issues. He is core lead instructor for BP’s worldwide fire and emergency training programs and has been a fire service instructor for over 20 years. He is an active member of ISFSI, NFPA and ASSE.

Greg Noll, Principal in the hazardous materials consulting firm Hildebrand & Noll Associates, former Hazmat Coordinator for the Prince Georges County Fire Dept. Greg is a member of the NFPA Technical Committee on Hazardous Materials Response and is the co-author of Hazardous Materials: Managing the Incident.

Glen Rudner, Hazardous Materials Officer, VA Dept. of Emergency Management. Glen served previously with the Alexandria (VA) Fire and EMS Department as a Hazmat Specialist. He has been a developer, co-developer, and Subject Matter Expert on several State and Federal hazardous materials programs.

About the filmmakers
Gordon Massingham, Director. For over 20 years one of the world’s leading creators of emergency response training. Winner of more than 130 national and international awards.

Michael Cataldo, Producer. Mike has served as assistant director on many EFG projects as well as production designer, actor and art director. He is also a set designer and prop and special effects creator.

About the Emergency Film Group
Emergency Film Group, a division of the Detrick Lawrence Corp., was established to distribute quality training films for emergency response and right to know education. Firmly committed to accuracy, EFG uses the best qualified advisors and production crews to ensure that programs are not only exciting to watch, but are also accurate in every detail.

EFG’s worldwide list of customers range from the largest petrochemical companies, to government agencies, to small town fire departments. Every film comes with EFG’s 30-day money-back guarantee if the customer is not satisfied.

For a free color catalog describing all programs available from the Emergency Film Group, please call the toll-free number below.

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(DVD or VHS plus Guide)
DVD-$425
VHS-$425
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Preview-$20
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