



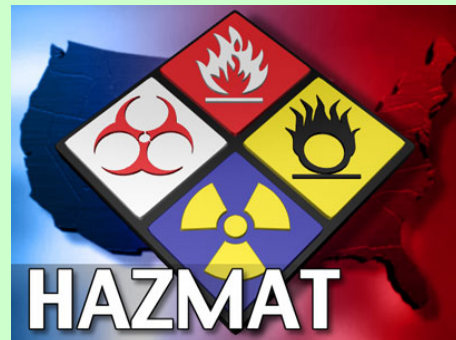
November 2015

New things that are happening with the Team.

Welcome to the first edition of the new monthly bulletin. The goal is to provide the recipients of our monthly bulletin more information regarding the Lake County Fire Chiefs Association, the Lake County Haz-Mat Team events, and the time and dates of the meetings and trainings. We hope you enjoy the new look and information!

The Haz-Mat Team had a very busy October. To start the month the Team participated in the District Haz-Mat training event that was held in LaPorte County. The Lake County Members were split into two groups, one performing Recon and Decon, the other performing booming operations on the Kankakee River.

The October regular training meeting held on October 22nd at the Lake Station Fire Dept. was the Team's training on the 700 MHz radios. Don Kalina of the Haz-Mat Team led the training for those in attendance. We thank Lake Station Fire for hosting the training, and Don for his knowledge of the radios.



Lastly, during this month Members of the Team were invited by Norfolk Southern to attend their Crude Oil Train response class held at their Lafayette Rail Yard. The training taught the Team Members what to expect in the form of response assets from the railroad should an incident occur, and how to best prepare for those assets prior to their arrival from the railroad.



A BIG THANK YOU TO CONGRESSMAN PETE VISCLOSKY AND THE SCHERERVILLE FIRE DEPT!

Members of the Haz-Mat Team were invited to participate in the Schererville Fire Dept's Safety Day. The Team set up a large decon tent and displayed the contents of the equipment trailer that is stationed in Cedar Lake for the many guests that came to the well attended event.

One such guest was Congressman Pete Visclosky who stopped by the display and spent time asking various questions about the Team and what are some of the challenges it faces in the future. Team Coordinator Bill Missal spent several minutes with the Congressman, who at the end of the visit thanked each Team Member personally for volunteering their time to support the County and District 1. Pictured left to right B. Missal, C. Gamblin, Congressman P. Visclosky, D. Kalina and D. Frederick. Present, but not pictured J. Huppert.

EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

What the Lake County Haz-mat Team has to offer ...

Each month we hope to showcase some of the specialized equipment we have at the ready for use by a Fire Dept for their incident. This month we will discuss our newest piece of equipment which is a Sensit Gold Four Gas Meter.

- Has a four gas set up combination specially for Haz-Mat incidents
- Minimal training before use by Fire Dept personnel

Standard Features:

- * Bright Graphic Display
- * Audible and Visual Alarms
- * Internal Pump
- * Water/Dust Filter
- * Operation & Calibration Memory
- * Calibration Alert
- * Date/Time Display
- * Infrared Data Download
- * Auto Shut Off



ACTIVATING THE LAKE COUNTY HAZ-MAT TEAM WITH LAKE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED 911 DISPATCH

With the consolidation of the Lake County 911 dispatching well underway, some questions have come up about requesting the response of the Haz-Mat Team.

To request the response of the Haz-Mat Team to an emergency incident or a non-emergency incident the Incident Command Officer can make that request right to the County Dispatcher and they will activate the Team. The Haz-Mat Team is notified through "Blackboard" as it was before the consolidation began.

For those Fire Departments that have Response Plans for Haz-Mat already entered into Spillman, the County Dispatchers will activate the Team regarding the instructions on the Response Plan.

Next Lake County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

The next board meeting for the LCFCA is November 12, 2015, 6 p.m. at the Merrillville Fire Department, 26 West 73rd Avenue, Merrillville. The general meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Kindly RSVP by November 9, 2015.

Next Lake County Haz-Mat Training and Meeting Information

All our welcome to attend our training and meetings

November 19, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at the Cedar Lake Fire Department. Kindly RSVP by November 16, 2015.

Thank you for taking the time to read this monthly bulletin. Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding anything you would like to know more about.

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We appreciate your support."