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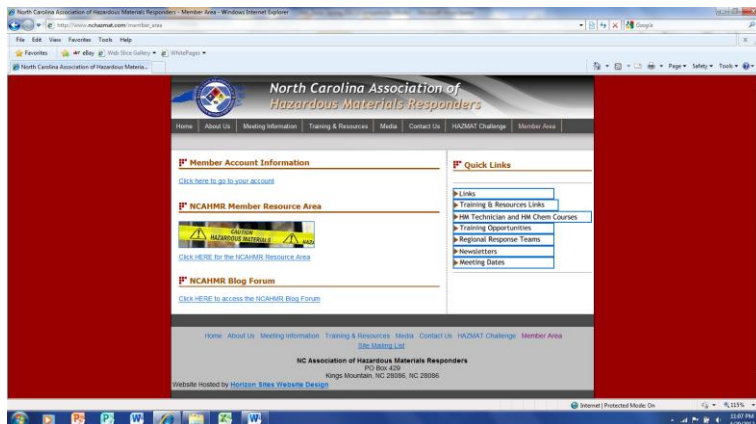
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## OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the NCAHMR newsletter, "The Hot Zone". Hazmat responders can now stay updated between NCAHMR meetings via this quarterly publication. If you have any information to include in the newsletter, please forward to Secretary Tim Hartsell at [jhartsell@ci.charlotte.nc.us](mailto:jhartsell@ci.charlotte.nc.us)

## WEBSITE UPDATE



## MEETING DATES/LOCATIONS



Friday May 11, 2012 2:45 p.m. - At the NCSFRI Conference in Asheville (Crowne Plaza Resort)

August 2012 (Annual Meeting) - At the NCSFA Conference/SAFRE in Raleigh,  
**Date and Time TBA**

October, 2012 – At the NC Emergency Management Association Conference,  
**Date and Time TBA**

## TRAINING CALENDAR



[Hazmat Technician](#)

August 13-24 - Surry CC, contact Ian Harrell at 336-386-3403 or [harrell@surry.edu](mailto:harrell@surry.edu)

Please forward any hazmat training opportunities to Secretary Tim Hartsell at [jhartsell@ci.charlotte.nc.us](mailto:jhartsell@ci.charlotte.nc.us)

## MEMBERS' ONLY SECTION IS UP AND RUNNING!!!!

Our Members' Only Section of the NCAHMR Website is now live. All NCAHMR Members (both Team and Associate) in good standing for the 2011 membership year should have received an e-mail with login and password information (contact our Webmaster A.C. Rich at [ac\\_rich@earthlink.net](mailto:ac_rich@earthlink.net) if you did not receive the information). As the membership renewals for this year arrive in the current renewal cycle, an e-mail will be sent in the near future to all NCAHMR Members with updated login and password procedures. Please visit the Members' Only Section for information sharing, documents and information pertinent to NCAHMR Members; and participation in the NCAHMR Blog Forum. Additional information is being added on a regular basis as the Members' Only Section is updated. Be sure to go to [www.nchazmat.com](http://www.nchazmat.com) and check it out. Thanks to A.C. for the diligent work in bringing this portion of our Website to fruition.

## 2012 MEMBERSHIP

All NCAHMR Members in good standing for the 2011 membership year should have received membership renewal information from NCAHMR Treasurer Frank Burns. The NCAHMR would like to thank all current members for their renewals and those new members for joining our organization. Please be sure to spread the word about becoming a member of the NCAHMR (membership information can be found at <http://www.nchazmat.com/membership>). If you are a current member and did not receive a renewal notice, just advise.

## GATEWAY 2012 RECAP



On January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, NCAHMR President Glenn Clapp and Vice President Greg Collins attended the annual Gateway Conference in Concord, in which representatives from the various fire and emergency services associations within North Carolina gather to discuss issues facing the emergency response community and to develop methods by which to manage the issues identified. The 2012 Gateway Conference was different from all preceding conferences in that the major focus was not to spend a great deal of time discussing current and future issues, but rather to define the Gateway concept through taking an introspective look into the process and to determine the direction the Conference will be heading in during the coming years. The 2012 Gateway Conference was a valuable growth experience for participants that should result in a well-defined purpose and direction for future efforts.

## ASTM E2458-06 SAMPLING STANDARD UPDATE

The ASTM E2458-06 Sampling Standard Workgroup headed by Garry McCormick remains hard at work developing a model biological sampling standard that will be available for use and adoption by hazmat teams and other entities responding to incidents involving biological or possible biological threats within North Carolina. Further updates should be presented at our upcoming May Meeting in Asheville.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Congratulations are in order for NCAHMR Vice President Greg Collins and Past President A.C. Rich for their recent promotion to the rank of Battalion Chief. Greg was promoted to Battalion Chief with the Monroe Fire Department and A.C. was promoted to Battalion Chief/Safety Officer with the Raleigh Fire Department. A well-deserved promotion for both!

## NCSFRI CONFERENCE



Be sure to join us at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville May 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> for the North Carolina Society of Fire Rescue Instructor's Conference. A copy of the Conference Agenda can be found at:

[http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/FireAndRescueCommission/documents/InstructorConference\\_agenda.pdf](http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/FireAndRescueCommission/documents/InstructorConference_agenda.pdf)

We are once again partnering with the NCSFRI to hold our May Meeting at the Conference on Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>, so why not take in some of the informative sessions as well as attending the NCAHMR Meeting. Additional information can be found at:

[http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/FireAndRescueCommission/FR\\_instructor\\_conference.asp](http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/FireAndRescueCommission/FR_instructor_conference.asp)

## NCSFA CONFERENCE/SAFRE ACTIVITY PLANNING



Things are shaping up once again for NCAHMR involvement in the North Carolina State Firemen's Association Conference/South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo this August. Not only will the NCAHMR Annual Meeting be held at the Conference, but the NCAHMR will also be sponsoring an informative session on the necessity of monitoring for hydrogen cyanide and other toxic gases during fireground operations (valuable information not only for hazardous materials responders, but for all fire service personnel). In addition, the Education and Outreach Committee has been hard at work planning and revising the annual Hazmat Challenge. An "academic" section will be added to complement the hands-on evolutions and great prizes are once again being donated. A "night out" prior to the Challenge is also being planned, with entertainment provided. Stay tuned for further information as the Conference nears.

## CLANDESTINE LAB CLEANUP PROCEDURES

As hazmat teams continue to encounter clandestine drug labs, it is important for all hazmat responders and teams within the State to note that the manner in which the State Bureau of Investigation manages the cleanup of such labs has changed. Further information on the aforementioned changes will be discussed at the upcoming May NCAHMR Meeting and will be placed on the Members' Only Section of the NCAHMR Website shortly.

## OUTREACH TO OTHER HAZMAT ASSOCIATIONS

The NCAHMR has recently made a concerted effort to reach out to other hazardous materials response organizations in the United States in order to network with and provide information about the NCAHMR to the other organizations. This effort resulted in conversations with associations in both California and Wisconsin. The NCAHMR will continue outreach efforts in this area.

## ANNUAL MEETING/OFFICER ELECTIONS

It is once again time for our biennial officer elections, which will be held at the NCAHMR Annual Meeting in August. A Nominations Committee will soon be formed and will present nominees to the NCAHMR Membership. Be sure to be present at the Annual Meeting to vote for your Association officers.