



NC Hazmat RRT Newsletter

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2011 Hazmat Challenge Results



The NC Association of Hazardous Materials Responders hosted the 2011 South Atlantic Fire and Expo 's "Hazmat Challenge," in Raleigh on Saturday, August 13,

The Challenge included teams from

across the state: Fayetteville (RRT-3), Greensboro (RRT 5), High Point F.D., Monroe F.D., Raleigh (RRT 4), Williamston (RRT 1), and Wilmington (RRT -2).

Competing teams were required to per-

form a number of timed tasks. These included patching, overpacking, sampling, monitoring and detection.

The Monroe F.D. and High Point F.D. teams proved themselves to be a formidable opponent placing second and fourth.

Congratulations to Wilmington (RRT-2) for winning the challenge.

Thanks to Glenn Clapp, Abby Moore and Capt. Ian Toms for organizing and conducting the event.

Results

- 1st Wilmington F.D.
- 2nd Monroe F.D.
- 3rd Greensboro F.D.
- 4th High Point F.D.
- 5th Williamston F.D.
- 6th Raleigh F.D.
- 7th Fayetteville F.D.

Sponsors

- Hepaco
- Smiths Detection
- CSX
- Coolshirts
- RAE Systems

Fayetteville RRT-3 Talon Robot

The Pilgrim's Pride Plant ammonia leak and explosion August 16, 2011 in Marshville, NC, resulted in the evacuation of more than 500 employees and 25 families were forced from their homes.

The NC Hazmat Regional Response Team 3 was requested on scene to make entry into the plant utilizing the newly acquired

Talon Robot.

The Talon Robot is highly maneuverable, is wireless and remotely controlled, is outfitted with auto focus camera that can upload pictures, video and perform various tasks.

The robot was purchased with a Department of Homeland Security federal grant .





PEAC software purchase has been submitted and is working it's way through the procurement process.

CBRNE Meeting
October 19th—10 A.M.

RRTAG Meeting
October 20th - 9 A.M.

RRTAC Meeting
October 20th - 10 A.M.

SERC Meeting
October 21st - 9 A.M.



New Program for Meth Lab Cleanup Cost

A partnership between state and federal agencies will cover the cost of meth lab cleanups next year.

The State Bureau of Investigation recently notified Sheriffs' Offices around that state that it will work with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Governor's Crime Commission.

The newly formed Clandestine Laboratory Hazardous Waste Storage Container Program will handle

the disposal of chemicals removed from meth labs.

The SBI already dealt with the actual cleanup process, but now local governments won't have to pay private companies for clearing the waste.

This will save county governments from surprise expenses when a lab is broken up.

Meth labs have increased in 2011, according to local law enforcement, 227 labs

have been busted around the state so far this year.

The most labs have been found in Burke County, with 26, followed by Wayne, Watauga, Johnston, Harnett and Duplin counties.

The new program is to be funded by a \$197,000 grant awarded by the Governor's Crime Commission and is expected to be fully operational by January 1, 2012.

DHS Funded Hazmat/WMD Technician Course Approved

TTCI and the NCERST have received approval to begin the federally funded HWMDTST course.

This course is academic and performance challenging, to prepare participants for the offensive measures necessary to mitigate a HazMat/WMD emergency. Participants respond and demonstrate

proficiency with nonbulk and bulk packaging, rail-cars, cargo tanks, intermodal and portable tanks, and techniques necessary to perform containment and confinement procedures. Participants develop and assist in the development of plans while functioning in an incident command structure with the LMSTI course stu-

dents.

Please note the prerequisite training required to participate in this class: Operations Level, NIMS/ICS IS-100b, IS-200b, IS-700a.

Application is at www.sertc.org.

Requests for a Regional Response Team may be initiated by the incident commander, local emergency management coordinator, or N.C. Emergency Management Division's area coordinator. The requester must provide some basic information, such as:

- Substance/chemical name (if known)
- Incident location, size and severity
- Is substance liquid, solid or gas
- Danger present and area threatened
- Fire, health, or explosion hazards
- Evacuations in progress, or contemplated

Have good information or lessons learned, submit to:
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