

AWR 147: Rail Car Incident Response

AWR 147 is an 8-hour, DHS/FEMA-certified, tuition-free, awareness-level course developed to educate rural emergency responders on freight rail car incidents involving hazardous materials. Because most freight rail traffic traverses rural areas, it is imperative that rural responders, especially those in resource-limited areas, understand the dangers and other unique hazards these incidents present. Safeguards are commonly implemented to prevent hazardous materials from causing harm under normal transportation, storage, handling, and use. If any of these safeguards are circumvented, there is potential for great harm. Upon completion of this course, participants will be better prepared to respond to a freight rail car incident without endangering the health and safety of responders.

Topics include (but not limited to):

- Design, construction, components and markings of rail tank cars
- Recognition and identification of chemicals being transported
- Scene assessment and identification of potential hazards
- Mitigation strategies for breached freight cars
- Key resources identification from rail/freight industry as well as federal, state, and private resources

Who Should Attend:

- Firefighters
- Other first responders-including law enforcement
- Emergency management personnel
- Other community stakeholders, including railroad representatives



Location:

Muscle Shoals, Alabama

Address:

Northwest Shoals Community College
800 George Wallace Blvd.
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

Sponsoring Agency

Northwest Shoals Community College Police Department

Course Date:

February 13, 2025

Course Time:

8:00am-5:00pm CT

Course Registration Deadline (date/time):

January 30, 2025 / 5:00pm CT

Prerequisites:

Non-U.S. citizens are required to complete a DHS Foreign National Visitor Request form 30 days in advance. Contact RDPC at 877-855-RDPC (7372) for more info.

Registration is **required** through the **RDPC website**. Register for this course by visiting the following link:

<https://ruraltraining.org/course/AWR-147/?scheduled=true&id=11523>

Register **no later than 2 weeks** before the course date. A **minimum of 20 registrations** must be received by this date to ensure the class will be held.

FEMA S.I.D. REQUIRED. Register for your FEMA Student Identification Number by visiting <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

For more information regarding this course, please contact the following:

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Additional Information

To speak with someone from the sponsoring agency, Northwest Shoals Community College Police Department, please contact Bobby Inman at 256-762-2359 or bobbyinman.ret@gmail.com

