SECURITY & EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING CENTER (SERTC)

With over 76,000 trained since 1985, we teach first responders to do things right if things go wrong.

SERTC’s world-renowned program for surface transportation hazmat emergency response offers an immersive learning experience with full-scale training scenarios that prepare first responders for real-world surface transportation emergencies.

Through a cooperative agreement within the FEMA National Training and Education Division (NTED), SERTC offers fully funded DHS/FEMA-certified courses to local, state, tribal, and territorial first responders. All tuition, travel, lodging, and meal expense is paid through the agreement – no cost is passed onto the student or sponsoring agency.

SERTC 2023 DHS/FEMA COURSE SCHEDULE
Visit https://sertc.org/register/ to review grant qualifications and apply.

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These courses can be scheduled to take place at your facility.
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

TANK CAR SPECIALIST (TCS)
Course number: PER-290
Course duration: 5 days (40 hours) on site at SERTC
Location: SERTC campus, Pueblo, CO

This course builds upon hazmat technician-level skills, focusing on the recognition and response to railroad emergencies. While course emphasis is on containers for bulk liquids and gases, response to all types of railcars and locomotives are covered and practiced. This exceeds the competencies required for the specialist level in NFPA 470 Chapter 20.

HIGHWAY EMERGENCY RESPONSE SPECIALIST (HERS)
Course number: PER-291
Course duration: 5 days (40 hours)
Location: SERTC campus, Pueblo, CO

SERTC’s most popular course equips hazmat technicians with competencies in excess of those required to meet the cargo tank specialist level under NFPA 470 Chapter 22. All types of highway emergencies are covered from tractors to cargo tanks for hazardous materials with a combination of classroom instruction, demonstrations, and hands-on exercises.

LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS (LMSTI)
Course number: PER-292
Course duration: 5 days (40 hours)
Location: SERTC campus, Pueblo, CO

This course is designed for responders in both the public and private sectors who have been promoted to supervisory level positions and require training to apply national standards (NIMS/NRF) and laws to surface transportation response command responsibilities. As with most other SERTC courses, LMSTI is approximately 50% classroom and 50% hands-on, and students will participate in realistic leadership scenarios in conjunction with our technician and specialist classes.

HAZMAT/WMD TECHNICIAN FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (HWMDTST)
Course Number: PER-293
Course duration: 10 days (80 hours)
Location: SERTC campus, Pueblo, CO

SERTC’s hazmat technician course expands upon the traditional hazmat tech curriculum with the addition of instruction and exercises that focus on the recognition and response to highway, rail, and intermodal emergencies. First responders who complete the course can hit the ground running when they encounter the most common types of hazmat emergencies. This is a Specialist level course that exceeds Technician as defined in OSHA 1910.120 & NFPA 472. Approved for IFSAC testing.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND SECURITY (STEPS)
Course number: PER-326, PER-330, and PER-331
Course Duration: 4-16 Hours (focus dependent)
Location: Remote delivery

SERTC offers three preparedness- and security-focused courses delivered at your location, at your convenience. Freight (STEPS-FR) is a 16-hour course covering the complexities of freight transportation security and preparedness across all modes. Mass Transit (STEPS-PT), also 16 hours, focuses on preparedness and security for all modes of mass transportation. Senior Officials (STEPS-SR) is a 4-hour course that helps executive and elected officials identify threats and vulnerabilities in freight, passenger, and industrial facilities.

Visit sertc.org for full class descriptions, prerequisites, and to apply for DHS/FEMA funding