

HOTZONE 2025 Pre-Conference Preliminary Schedule At the Hotel

- When Meters Matter: Air Monitoring for First Responders – 8 Hours of Hands-on Training **(Seating is Limited to 45)** Taught by Scott Russell & The Meter Guys
- The New Fire Officers Guide to the HazMat Universe – 8 Hours of Classroom **(Unlimited Seating)** Taught by Frank Docimo
- Wet Chemistry Field Identification – 8 Hours Hands-on Training **(Seating is Limited to 25)** Taught by Brian Heinz & Josh Matlock
- Tactical Chemistry – 8 Hours of Classroom **(Unlimited Seating)** Taught by Chris Weber
- Managing the HazMat Group – 8 Hours of Hands-on Scenario Based Training **(Seating is Limited to 30)** Taught by Greg Socks, Chris Hawley, Robert Bradley, Monique Lewis, and Jason Waterfield
- Unstable Materials: Oxidizers, Organic Peroxides, and Monomers – 8 hours of Classroom **(Unlimited Seating)** Taught by Keith Silverman, Bill Cullen, and Mike Callan

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Off Site

- Physical and Chemical Properties for Risk Based Response – 8 Hours Interactive Training at The Woodlands Emergency Services Training Center **(Seating is limited to 40)**
Taught by Brian Ramsey
- Houston Ship Channel Petrochemical HazMat Familiarization Tour – 8 Hours Field Training **(Seating is limited to 30)**
Taught by Bill Hand, Richard Lawhorn, and Mike Newell
- HazMat Scenario Simulator – 8 Hours of Hands-on Training at the Houston Fire Department Jahnke Training Center **(Seating is Limited to 20)**
Taught By Tony Janke and the Houston HazMat Team
- Emergency Operations Center HazMat Training – 8 Hours of Simulation Training at the Harris County Office of Emergency Management Operations Center
(Seating is limited to 80)
Taught by Misty Gunn and the HCOEM Staff
- HazMat Incident Mayday Train the Trainer Course – 8 Hours of Hands-on HazMat Back-up Team Training at the Houston Fire Department Jahnke Training Center
(Seating is limited to 20)
Taught by Rick Emery, Darrell Wiseman, and Members of the Houston HazMat Team
- Surviving the Hot Zone – 8 Hours of Classroom and Hands-on Training at the Harris County Fire Training Facility **(Seating is Limited to 30)**
Taught by Christina Baxter, Toby Frost, and Rick Meehan

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Preliminary Schedule

Friday, October 17, 2025
1:00 PM

Then Why Does No One Talk About It?	Part 1 of 2	Chris Aguirre
Special Event Mass Decon	Part 1 of 2	Frank Roberts
Recognizing & Responding to Commercial Explosives	90 Minutes	Al Valerioti
Propane Incidents – Let’s Talk Tactics	90 Minutes	Ron Huffman
Chemical Time Bombs	90 Minutes	Tim Crockett
“WTF” Is Happening? Why Does it Keep Happening?	Part 1 of 2	Paul Christensen
Air Monitoring Considerations for First Arriving HazMat Response	Part 1 of 2	Brian Ramsey
Crossing the Line; (Mercury Response vs Remediation)	Part 1 of 2	Greg Socks Chris Hawley Robert Bradley Monique Lewis Jason Waterfield
Your HazMat Incident Just Became a A Federal Crime Scene, Now What?	90 Minutes	Kevin Johnson
Preparation and Response to HazMat Rail Incidents	90 Minutes	Clay Reid
Why are you still talking? 101 Ways to Teach Without Lecturing	90 Minutes	Dave Donohue
Hazard & Risk Assessment for Corrosive Incidents	90 Minutes	Tom Murdock

Friday, October 17, 2025
3:00 PM

Then Why Does No One Talk About It?	Part 2 of 2	Chris Aguirre
Special Event Mass Decon	Part 2 of 2	Frank Roberts
Recognizing & Responding to Commercial Explosives	90 Minutes	Al Valerioti
Why Do We Care? The Periodic Table	90 Minutes	Bobby Salvesen The HazMat Guys
FTIR Gas and Vapor Identification	90 Minutes	Jeremy Van Auker
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Risk Based response to CNG Vehicle Emergencies	90 Minutes	Toby Frost
Utilities are IDLH (Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health)	90 Minutes	Mike Callan
Right Reference Requires Research Regularly, Repetitively	90 Minutes	Toby Bevelacqua Michelle Murphy
Emergency Response to Battery Incidents	90 Minutes	Eddie Murphy

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8:00 AM

Radiation is Everywhere	Part 1 of 2	Paul Christensen
Save Ourselves	Part 1 of 2	Scott Russell The Meter Guys
Developing the Incident Action Plan	Part 1 of 2	Dave Donohue
Oxidizers and Swimming Pool Chemicals	Part 1 of 2	Tom Murdock Brian Ramsey
Air Dispersion Models - "It Depends" (The Ultimate Hazmat answer)	Part 1 of 2	Al Valerioti Bob Bradley
Responder's Resiliency	90 Minutes	Camilo Olivieri
Tier II Chemical Reporting Facility Planning & Response Job Aid	90 Minutes	Colin Willingham
Field Identification of Controlled Substances	90 Minutes	Jeremy Van Auker
Thermal Imaging Usage in HazMat Incidents	90 Minutes	Tim Crockett
Monitoring Railcar Temp and Pressure	90 Minutes	Glen Rudner
Crazy Concoctions, Obnoxious Odors, And Colored Smoke	90 Minutes	Keith Silverman Bill Cullen
Put It Out or Let It Burn Gasoline Tank Truck Fires	90 Minutes	Rick Meehan Chris McCain Travis Franzoy

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10:00 AM

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Not Your Ordinary Decontamination	90 Minutes	Butch Hayes Ricky Smith
La Porte Suicide Pipeline Incident	90 Minutes	Richard Lawhorn
HazMat & Inclement Weather Events	90 Minutes	Bill Hageman
High Hazard Cargo Incidents: Bilk & Non-Bulk Containers	90 Minutes	Joel Calfee
Hydration ; You are Either a Hero Or a Hemorrhoid	90 Minutes	Michelle Murphy Toby Bevelacqua
What Has Two Centuries of HazMat Response Done For Us ... Are We Wiser, Smarter. Or Just Luckier?	90 Minutes	Mike Callan
Forecasting the Future of HazMat	90 Minutes	Christina Baxter

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Hot Zone Meets Bot Zone: Building an AI Workflow for Hazmat Response	Part 1 of 2	John Holtan Toby Bevelacqua
Hold My Matches and Watch This	Part 1 of 2	Brian Ramsey
Responding to Railroad Incidents; Hazmat Isn't Always the Problem	Part 1 of 2	Glen Rudner
Tank Truck Emergencies	Part 1 of 2	Rick Meehan Richard Lawhorn
You're the First on Scene to a Propane Incident and Have Nothing to Work With Or Do You?	90 Minutes	Ron Huffman
Joint Hazard Assessment Teams – From The County Fair to National Special Security Events	90 Minutes	Kevin Johnson
Animal Decontamination In Disaster Response	90 Minutes	Debra Zorn
HazMat in Rural Fire Departments	90 Minutes	Jeffery Choate
Street Smart Haz Mat Response Safe, Unsafe or Dangerous?	90 Minutes	Mike Callan
Chemical Plant Emergencies	Part 1 of 2	Keith Silverman Bill Cullen
Risk Based Response: What is it?	90 Minutes	Chris Hawley
PPE Selection	90 Minutes	Christina Baxter

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EPCRA: "Keeping it Simple" For HazMat Teams	90 Minutes	Bill Hageman
After the Fire: Then What?	90 Minutes	Joel Calfee
HazMat Officer Strategy & Tactics	90 Minutes	Toby Frost
Lithium-Ion Batteries: State of the Union	90 Minutes	Bobby Salvesen The HazMat Guys
Chemical Plant Emergencies	Part 2 Of 2	Keith Silverman Bill Cullen
Gamification	90 Minutes	Corbin Fowler
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