



PA HAZMAT TECHNICIANS CONFERENCE

08.20.26-08.23.26 / ALTOONA PA

the future of hazmat CLASS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY AUG 20

BALLROOM 3

10-11am
OPENING ADDRESS: Nashville Christmas Bombing
Scott Burgess, Steve Curry

BALLROOM 1

1-5pm
G320/MERRTT - Part 1
Joey Pordash

BALLROOM 2

1-4pm
Mercury Response & Cleanup
Robert Wise

207/208

1-2:30pm
Reactive Chemical Response - Polymerization Short Stop
Sam Simon, Mike Armstrong

3:30-5pm
Why Do We Care? The Periodic Table
Bobby Salvesen

FRIDAY AUG 21

BALLROOM 1

8:30-10am
A Handful of Thumbs & 2 Left Feet: Responding to Radiological Incidents
Scott Burgess, Steve Curry

10:30am-12pm
How Not to Suck When Teaching HazMat
Bobby Salvesen

1:30-4:30pm
Chemistry of Hazardous Materials
Oliver McDonagh

BALLROOM 2

9-10am
Chief's Round Table
PEMA

10:15-11am
NWS HazMat Support Updates
John Bowen

11:30am-1pm
Operational Lessons Learned from a 5,000-Gallon Formaldehyde Release: A Rail Tank Car Incident in Lebanon County, PA
Gary Verna Jr.

1:30-4:30pm
Mercury Response & Cleanup
Robert Wise

202

8:30am-3pm
Advanced Air Monitoring for First Responders - Part 2
PA State Fire Academy

203/204

8:30-11:30am
Hold My Matches & Watch This
Brian Ramsey

12:30-2pm
Overview of Several Lithium-Ion Battery Incidents in PA (Highway, Battery Warehouse, Others)
Ben Russell, Mike Rissel

2:30-5:30pm
HazMat By the Numbers - Turning HazMat Terms into Life-Saving Decisions
Chris Hawley

205/206

9-10:30am
Lithium-Ion Battery Air Monitoring
Chris Pfaff

11am-12:30pm
Instructor "Rehab": Enhancing Firefighter Instruction Through Effective Learning Objectives
Joe Scaglione, Albe Bassett

1:30-5:30pm
CNG Class - Part 1
Tim Ferretti

207/208

8:30-10am
Reactive Chemical Polymerization Short Stop
Sam Simon, Mike Armstrong

10:30am-12pm
Fire on the Factory Floor! Rapid Fire & Spill Response for Industrial Facilities
Adam McFadden

1-2:30pm
Advanced Tech Reg
Bobby Salvesen

3:30-5pm
Pseudoscience & Myths of HazMat V3.0
Bobby Salvesen

SATURDAY AUG 22

BALLROOM 1

8:30am-12:30pm
CNG Class - Part 2
Tim Ferretti

1-5pm
G320/MERRTT - Part 2, & RODEO
Joey Pordash, Ben Herskowitz

BALLROOM 2

8:30-10am
**Why Do I Care?
Chemical &
Physical
Properties**
Bobby Salvesen

10:30am-12pm
**The Hidden
Language of
Meters: Are
You Fluent?**
Bobby Salvesen

1:30-3pm
**Seconds From Chaos: HMT
Strategies for Bomb Threats,
Suspicious Package &
Explosive Device Calls**
Adam McFadden

3:30-5pm
**From the Backstep to the
Brass - HazMat Tactics &
FD Lessons from the Road**
Adam McFadden,
Chris Pfaff

202

1-5pm
Advanced Air Monitoring for First Responders - Certification
PA State Fire Academy

203/204

8:30-11:30am
**Tactical
Response to
Explosive Gas
Emergencies**
Jerry Knapp

12:30-2pm
**HazMat on the Highway:
Managing the Most
Dangerous Incident
You'll Ever Work**
Todd Leiss

2:15-3:45pm
**Your Friends on the Inside:
The Importance of Working
with On-Site Industrial
Response Teams**
Kevin Herzog

4-5:30pm
**Container
Safety
Devices**
Jim Leer

205/206

9-10:30am
**From Recon to Identification:
A Systematic Approach to
Chemical Detection**
Scott Burgess, Steve Curry

11am-12:30pm
**HazMat Mapping - From
Emergency Management
to Emergency Response**
Chris Pfaff

1:30-4:30pm
**Grounding & Bonding:
Understanding Risks
Handling Flammable Liquids**
Brian Ramsey

207/208

8:30-10am
**Hazardous
Materials
Gerrymandering**
Ben Herskowitz

10:30am-12pm
**ARFF Meets HazMat:
Response Priorities, Tactical
Decision-Making & Reality for
Career & Rural Firefighters**
Greg Scott

1-2:30pm
**Risk-Based Response:
Turning Meter
Readings into
Real Decisions**
Chris Hawley

3:30-5pm
**HazMat
Response
to Smells**
Chris
Hawley

SUNDAY AUG 23

BALLROOM 3

9-11am
CLOSING SPEAKER:
Seconds to Safety: Hazards, Risks & Consequences in HazMat Events
Brian Ramsey



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