

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

## FINDING AND ORDER

- (1) Section 4905.80(E), Revised Code, provides that the first eight hundred thousand dollars in civil forfeitures collected under this section shall be credited to the hazardous materials transportation fund. This section also sets forth the manner in which moneys credited to the hazardous materials transportation fund shall be distributed by the Commission.
- (2) Under Section 4905.80(E), Revised Code, fifty percent of the hazardous materials transportation fund is distributed to Cleveland State University for its training program for public safety and emergency services personnel in proper techniques for the management of hazardous materials releases that occur during transportation or otherwise. The remainder of the fund is to be distributed to other educational institutions, state agencies, and political subdivisions that have training programs for public safety and emergency services personnel in proper techniques for the management of hazardous materials releases that occur during transportation or otherwise.
- (3) Based upon this criterion, the Commission staff recommends that eight grant applicants be awarded grants in the amounts indicated in the Attachment to this Finding and Order. These grants are to be made on a reimbursement basis, i.e., applicants will be reimbursed up to the dollar amount awarded, for expenses incurred in implementing their hazardous materials response training programs after submission by the applicant of the documentation for those expenses. The total amount of the recommended grants is approximately \$310,736. Grants awarded range from \$1300 to over \$215,000 and will provide training that will be received by more than 1400 hazardous material incident response professionals.

- (4) All grant requests were reviewed by a committee of staff persons, and priority was given to counties that had not previously received grant funds, county training needs that are unique because of specific hazardous materials issues, train-the-trainer courses and joint applications by counties or agencies. Applications were denied and/or modified after committee review which determined that the applicant requested funding for equipment that was not essential for training purposes, courses that were not sufficiently related to the transportation of hazardous materials, as required by Section 4905.83, Revised Code, and/or courses that involve unnecessary out-of-state travel when a comparable in-state course is available. These determinations were made pursuant to course descriptions by the grantee and additional literature provided by the grantee and additional literature provided by the course instructor.
- (5) The grant applications contained requests for the funding of hazardous materials training exercises. Hazardous materials training exercises involve hands-on experience that allows emergency response personnel the opportunity to respond to a hazardous materials incident in a controlled environment which aids proper coordination among emergency response agencies.
- (6) The Commission finds that the training grants should be awarded as set forth in the Attachment.

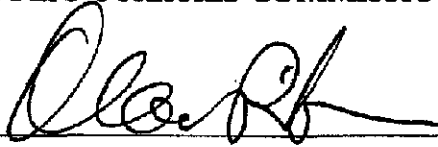
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, pursuant to Section 4905.80(E), Revised Code, the hazardous materials training grants described in this Finding and Order be awarded to the applicants in the amounts set forth in the Attachment. It is, further

ORDERED, That the grants be distributed on a reimbursement basis as set forth in the Attachment to this Finding and Order. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon each of the applicants identified in the Attachment.

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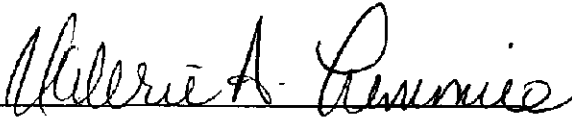
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ATTACHMENT

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING GRANTS**

**March 2010**

**1. City of Toledo - Division of Environmental Services**  
Lucas County

The City of Toledo is requesting grant funding to train emergency responders in an Awareness Training Course, Emergency Responder Refresher Course and Emergency Response Conflict Resolution Course. These courses will train Fire Services, Law Enforcement, State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)/Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) members and Emergency Managers. There will be 185 responders trained through these courses. The University of Findlay will provide the training to the responders on site in the Toledo area. The City of Toledo is requesting \$15,050 to provide the training.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.  
**The total award is \$ 12,040.**

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**2. Bowling Green State University- State Fire School**  
Wood County

The State Fire School is requesting grant funding to provide training to the students attending the State Fire School. The classes requested included First Responder Awareness Courses, First Responder Operations Eight Hour Refresher Courses, Technician 24 Hour Courses and Incident Commander Courses. There will be 500 students trained in these courses consisting of 75 Law Enforcement students and 425 Fire Service students. The State Fire School will provide the instructors and training facilities for these courses during the program. Bowling Green State University is requesting \$37,700 to provide the training.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.  
**The total award is \$30,160.**

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**3. Summit County Special Operations Response Team**  
Summit County

The Summit County Special Operations Response Team (Response Team) is requesting grant funding to provide a Hazcat Level 1 Refresher course. The course will provide a refresher for the Chemical Identification System and will train 60 Fire Service students. The training will be provided by Hazcat Systems Inc. The Response Team is requesting \$12,000 to provide the training.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.  
**The total award is \$9,600.**

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**4. Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team**  
Montgomery/Greene County

The Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team (Response Team) is requesting funding to provide a Low Pressure Cargo Tank Emergencies workshop. This workshop will provide the area with hands-on emergency exercise incorporating Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), SERC/LEPC members and Emergency Managers personnel in the training. The 90 students will participate in the training provided by Safe Transportation Training Specialists. The Response Team is requesting \$4,985 to provide the training exercise.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.  
**The total award is \$3,988.**

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**5. Medina County Emergency Management Agency**  
Medina County

The Medina County Emergency Management Agency is requesting funding to provide a course in Command and Control Functions for Local Incident Management Teams. The United States Fire Academy will provide the course for 70 Fire Service, Law Enforcement, EMS, Health Department Responders and Emergency Managers. The training will occur on site at the Agency. The Agency is requesting \$41,000 to provide the training for the county.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.  
**The total award is \$32,800.**

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**6. Clearcreek Fire District**  
Warren County

The Clearcreek Fire District is requesting funding to send staff to a course in Xtreme Industrial Fire and Hazard Training. The course is offered through Williams Fire and Hazard Control in Beaumont, Texas. The Fire District will provide the expenses for travel and lodging for three fire fighters to attend the course. The Fire District is requesting \$5,085 to cover the cost of tuition for the course.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.  
**The total award is \$4,068**

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**7. Shawnee Township Fire Department**  
**Allen County**

The Shawnee Fire Department is requesting funding to send staff to a course in Xtreme Industrial Fire and Hazard Training. The course is offered through Williams Fire and Hazard Control in Beaumont, Texas. The Fire Department will provide the expenses for travel and lodging for two fire fighters to attend the course. The Fire Department is requesting \$1,695 to cover the cost of tuition for the course.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.  
**The total award is \$1,356.**

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**8. The University of Findlay**  
**Hancock County**

The University of Findlay is requesting grant funding to provide 51 courses to Emergency Responders at their training facility and traveling to departments requesting response training throughout Ohio. The training includes general emergency response with four Awareness, 10 Operations, seven Technician and 10 Refresher courses. Additionally specialized courses in four Incident Commander, 10 Rail Hazmat Response, 3 National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) ICS 300 Intermediate and three NIMS ICS 400 Advanced courses will be offered. There will be a minimum of 10 participants trained in each course offered. The grantee is requesting funding towards instruction cost, equipment, and manuals for course participants. The applicant is requesting \$270,905.

Staff recommends funding for the requested training.  
**The total award is \$216,724.**

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