

The United States Environmental Protection Agency is proud to present the following FREE training course:

# Methamphetamine Laboratory Training Program: First Responder Awareness and Operations

## The Problem...

The clandestine production of methamphetamine is growing at an alarming rate across the country. Clandestine methamphetamine laboratories (meth labs) range from crude makeshift operations to highly sophisticated facilities. They can be set up almost anywhere and are often found in private residences, apartments, trailers, automobiles, campgrounds, and hotel and motel rooms. EPA recognizes that meth labs pose a significant threat to human health and the environment and strives to ensure that first responders are well prepared to respond to these labs.

## The Solution...

EPA is offering FREE 2-day First Responder Awareness and Operations Training to provide first responders (police, fire, EMS, etc.) with a better understanding of the health risks posed by meth labs; promote awareness of the hazards; and improve local response capabilities. Using a combination of classroom presentations, practical exercises, and hands-on activities with simulated meth labs, attendees are trained to recognize and safely manage initial responses to meth labs (and their hazardous waste dump sites). Course attendees will be provided with a complete set of resources that will allow them to share their knowledge with other first responders should they choose to do so. A certificate of completion will be provided to all attendees.

## Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, attendees will be able to:

- Describe meth lab hazards and risks to first responders and the community
- Identify equipment, chemicals, and processes commonly used in meth labs
- Identify roles and responsibilities of first responders

### First Responder Awareness and Operations

This course meets the requirements of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, 1910.120, Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, 311. This training program does NOT meet the requirements of HAZWOPER, CLANWOPER, or any DEA clandestine laboratory certification program.

The Environmental Protection Agency is offering  
**FREE Meth Lab Training — First Responder Awareness  
in Harford County, Maryland**

#### Training Location Address:

Harford County Department of Emergency Services –  
Emergency Operations Center  
2220 Ady Road  
Forest Hill, MD 21050

**Dates:** March 6 – 7, 2020 (Friday and Saturday)

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (both days)

To register, please complete the attached registration form and email it to: [epamethlabtraining@csra.com](mailto:epamethlabtraining@csra.com) or call Katie Taylor at 703-485-2784

#### Local Contact:

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**The deadline for registration is February 14, 2020**

- Develop actions and procedures to ensure responder and community safety
- Identify the need for initial scene command and control
- Describe the Incident Command System (ICS) and how it applies to meth labs

## Training Topics

Topics addressed in this course include:

- Local meth and meth lab trends
- Meth production methods
- Meth lab hazards and identification
- Health effects on users and first responders
- First responder actions: what to do and what not to do
- Safety, isolation, and notification
- Potential funding for meth lab cleanup
- Voluntary guidelines for meth cleanup
- Agency coordination