

MEDIA ADVISORY

Managing Rail Transportation Emergencies Seminar
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The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is pleased to announce the Managing Rail Transportation Emergencies Seminar. During this seminar, multiple agencies throughout the region will participate in training on response to and recovery from rail incidents involving hazardous materials. Attendees will then participate in a tabletop exercise designed to discuss direction and control among jurisdictions, agencies, and relevant stakeholders during the response to a rail incident, the current plans and capabilities of jurisdictions to respond to a rail incident involving flammable liquid, and current plans and capabilities for affected jurisdictions to evacuate special needs facilities.

This seminar is being conducted in coordination with Dallas County, Tarrant County, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the Texas Division of Emergency Management with the overarching goal to increase the region's capability to respond to a rail transportation emergency. Over 100 area emergency responders are expected to participate in this training and exercise seminar. This is the first joint exercise focused solely on response and recovery on the topic of rail emergencies. From Dallas County Judge, Clay Jenkins, "failing to plan is planning to fail and this is another example of regional first responders coming together to train in an effort to keep you and your family safe."

Exercise Location

When: Thursday, September 3, 2015—9am-4pm
Where: North Central Texas Council of Governments
Transportation Council Room
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

Subject matter experts representing multiple disciplines will be available to provide an overview of this event and answer questions. Media is welcome to get statements and conduct interviews prior to the exercise. Media may also take photos of the exercise venue or video of any interviews they conduct.

However, due to sensitive and critical information on the current state of plans and capabilities for responding to a rail transportation emergency in the region that will be discussed, media members may not be present during exercise conduct and may not record any part of the exercise discussion.

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