

Hazardous Materials Technician (80-hour)

Course Introduction & Student Instructions:

Dear Student,

You are receiving this email because you are enrolled in the upcoming 80-hour Hazardous Materials Technician training course in Salina, KS, that begins on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Here are a couple of notes for this upcoming HazMat Technician (HMT) course:

1. Course Dates: Class days are Monday through Friday, for two weeks in a row. The dates for this class are September 14-18 and September 21-25, 2020. Class is scheduled daily from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (may vary based on hands-on training, reading assignments, etc.)

2. Course / Training Location: Building 365 (Auditorium / Conference Center) at the Kansas Regional Training Center, 2929 Scanlan Avenue, Salina, KS 67401.

Driving directions and a map to Bldg. 365 can be found at this link:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/2929+Scanlan+Ave,+Salina,+KS+67401/@38.7846516,-97.6374203,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x87bcc8f4851f6591:0x110279ed7a81a33f!8m2!3d38.7846516!4d-97.6352316>

3. Optional National Certification Testing: IFSAC Certification testing will occur on Friday, September 25th for those that are seeking national certification. The test consists of a 100-question written exam and multiple hands-on practical skills stations. Testing will begin at 8:30 am. Certification fees will be handled by OSFM.

4. Student Textbook & Materials: For this class, OSFM HazMat is providing each registered student with a copy of the IFSTA manual, "*Hazardous Materials Technician*", 2nd Edition. All required handouts will be provided to students in class. Each student should bring a notebook and pens/pencils to class for taking notes.

5. Reading Assignments: Reading assignments will be assigned on a daily basis during the course. Successful completion of the reading will be required for course completion and successful testing with the IFSAC certification test (if you desire national certification).

6. Learning Objectives: After completing the course you will have met the sections required for Hazardous Materials Technician in the NFPA 472, 2018 edition, Standard for Competence of Responders for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, and NFPA 1072, 2017 edition, Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications. Students who successfully complete the 80-hour course will receive a Certificate of Training and course completion. Students who successfully complete the certification process will be certified as a Hazardous Materials Technician.

7. Certification Criteria Specific to Hazardous Materials Technician: National Certification testing is completely optional for students. Students are not required to take the IFSAC certification test on Friday, Sept. 25th. BUT - Before you can choose to take the IFSAC certification test for Hazardous Materials Technician, you must first become nationally certified at the Hazardous Materials Awareness (HMA) and Hazardous Materials Operations (HMO) levels. Both HMA and HMO national certifications are prerequisites to challenge the HMT national certification exam. Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute (KFRTI) is the objective third party testing entity that will verify your HMA and HMO national certifications before they allow you to test on Friday.

8. Attendance Policy: This is an 80-hour course that meets and exceeds the NFPA 472 and NFPA 1072 Job Performance Requirements. In order to attain course credit, each student must complete the entire training course (missing less than 15% of the class) in order to be eligible for certification testing. Students must be excused in advance for any class time that is missed.

9. Course Instructors: A.J. Clemmons is the primary instructor for this course, and he will be assisted daily by an excellent cadre of adjunct HMT instructors and subject matter experts from across the State of Kansas. Instructors will be paid in accordance with their OSFM Adjunct Instructor contracts.

10. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Respiratory Protection: OSFM will provide all required hazardous materials training suits (Level A, Level B, etc.) and the majority of PPE required to complete this class. Each student that is attending this class **must be** fit tested for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) prior to the course start day. Students are each required to bring their SCBA (1 each NFPA-compliant air pack per student, with a minimum of 1 each SCBA air bottle per student) with them to this class daily for their own use during hands-on training. Students must be fit tested for their training SCBA prior to class beginning. We will not be able to fit test students during class time.

11. COVID-19 Precautions: In accordance with local and state training requirements, each student and instructor are required to wear a mask (covering nose and mouth) during all classroom and indoor training session. Social distancing will be reinforced. Cleaning desktops/tabletops, equipment, and training materials will be completed multiple times each training day. COVID-19 standards will be followed by all attendees.

12. Meals: Meals will be reimbursed for all participants, but not provided on-site daily. Students will receive the state government per diem for meals. Bldg. 365/KSRTC is less than 5 minutes away from numerous restaurants and lunch options available to students. Lunch breaks will be taken daily with ample time to travel to and from lunch locations, etc. For convenience, each student also has the option of bringing their lunch each day (there is a refrigerator in the break room to keep lunch cool, along with a microwave, etc.) Coffee and bottled water will be provided for students each day at the training location.

13. Lodging & Per Diem: Each student will stay at Nickell Hall, which is the KSRTC on-site hotel. Room accommodations will be made ahead of time by OSFM ER Division and rooms will be paid for on a centrally funded contract. POV Mileage will be reimbursed from home of record to and from the training location a maximum of 2 times (2 trips to Salina and 2 trips back home) based on this being a 2-week course. *OSFM Travel Vouchers and W9 Forms will be completed on the final day of class and submitted to the Emergency Response Division Chief for processing. Reimbursement may take up to 30 days following completion and submission.*

14. Questions: Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns as you begin to prepare for your upcoming Hazardous Materials Technician course.

15. Assistance: If anything comes up that will not allow you to successfully complete the entire course (due to scheduling issues, shift changes, work requirements, etc.), please let one of us know. We want to work to assist you where we can.

Thank you and Stay Safe,

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