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Upcoming HDER / HPS Local Chapter Volunteer Training

Based on the outstanding turnout at the 2004 Health Physics Society (HPS) annual meeting, ODP will once again host a training session for HPS volunteers. The training session on the HDER Program will be conducted at the HPS Midyear Topical Meeting in New Orleans, LA in February, 2005. This training session will be held on Monday, February 14, from 7pm-9pm following the exhibitor reception. A complimentary dessert social will be provided by HPS during the HDER training.

HPS volunteers are currently providing technical support nationwide to emergency responder agencies, and ODP is seeking more volunteers interested in assisting first responders in the use and maintenance of radiological detection equipment. The HDER HPS Volunteer Training includes information about the program and how HPS can assist in providing long-term technical support to HDER Program participants. Technical assistance is provided to emergency responders in the following areas:

- Initial equipment selection
- Initial operability check of the instrumentation upon its delivery
- Field checks and maintenance of HDER equipment
- Refresher training
- Serving as a local source of expertise

Each participant will be provided with the HPS Volunteer Resource Manual. If you are interested in attending the training session, please contact Mike Johnson of the HPS Secretariat's Office mjohnson@burkinc.com, or by telephone at 703-790-1745 ext. 30.

The HPS Volunteer Resource Manual

The HPS Volunteer Resource Manual has been completed and will be made available at the HPS Midyear in New Orleans. The manual provides HPS volunteers information about the HDER Program that will assist them in their support of first responders that need technical support. The manual contains:

- HDER Program Fact Sheets
- HDER Program Overview Briefing
- HDER Services Management Tool User Guide
- HPS and State Administrative Agency (SAA) Points of Contact (POC)
- Equipment Field Check Protocols
- Refresher Training Materials and Updates

HPS local chapter volunteers can pick up their free copy at the upcoming HPS Midyear Topical Meeting in New Orleans.

Expansion of HDER Program to Support the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

This is a reminder that the HDER program is currently in the process of expanding the program to cities that are part of the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Program. The program is targeting January 2005 for identifying UASI HDER POCs that will be able to directly place orders using the ODP Secure Portal for radiological detection equipment to support UASI first responders. The February newsletter will provide more details on this development.

The HDER Program Bulletin is an e-Newsletter from the HDER Program. For all questions regarding participation in the HDER Program, training requests, and long-term technical support, please contact the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness help line at (800) 368-6498.