NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT

Pueblo, CO  Transportation Technology Center’s Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC) will be working with the Center for Rural Development to create and deliver two training courses focused on preparing volunteer and remote area responders to safely handle incidents resulting from crude oil, ethanol, and other flammable liquids transported by rail. Participants will be introduced to the chemical and physical properties of the flammable liquids transported by rail, the hazards released during an incident, and the mitigation techniques used for these types of hazards.

Based in Somerset, Kentucky, the Center for Rural Development is one of three recipients of a $5.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) selected to provide hazardous materials training for volunteer or remote emergency responders. The Center was awarded just over $2.6 million and will use the experience of the SERTC as the subgrantee to develop and deliver the training courses.

The PHMSA Assistance for Local Emergency Response Training (ALERT) grants have been awarded to three non-profit organizations who will provide training for incidents involving shipments of crude oil, ethanol and other flammable liquids by rail. Other recipients include University of Findlay (All Hazards Training Center), Findlay, Ohio and International Association of Fire Chiefs, Fairfax, Virginia.

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