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Expanded Security and Emergency Response Training at TTC

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Pueblo, CO – The Emergency Response Training Center is now the Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC).

The TTCI training approach, a proven, focused curricula combining classroom and laboratory training with contiguous full-scale hands-on field exercises for preparing first responders, has attracted new programs for additional surface transportation security and emergency response training from government agencies.

In 2006, TTCI began training the incoming TSA (Transportation Security Administration) surface transportation security inspectors in basic railroad operations and safety practices, a program that has continued to grow. On August 3, 2007, TTCI received congressional authorization as a Member of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC). TTCI was subsequently designated within NDPC as the National Center for Emergency Response in Surface Transportation. TTCI has been allocated \$5 million in NDPC grant training funds for Fiscal 2009. With these and additional opportunities to expand the training and related programs, TTCI has coordinated and consolidated this set of activities under the banner of SERTC for surface transportation.

Current plans call for growing the training facilities with additions of purpose built passenger car, rapid transit infrastructure and tunnel mockups for security and emergency response training and system integrity research; creating a passenger and freight systems response training campus within TTC. Our current training and support capability offers our new customers the ability to have their programs up and running quickly and cost effectively, making efficient use of multi-purpose, joint-use core facilities, both existing and new .

Heavy freight transport systems remain our core operation, offering advanced first responder training to government and private sectors with open enrollment and contract classes. These activities will continue to grow and expand along with the new emphasis on security issues, an increased emphasis on passenger rail and encompassing complementary infrastructure integrity research.

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