



BNSF Railway Hazardous Materials Training and Information

Dear Emergency Responders and Emergency Managers:

On behalf of BNSF Railway, I want to thank you for your support and dedication to your communities.

I am sending this message so you are aware of a few things that might benefit your departments and your efforts to be prepared for a rail emergency involving hazardous materials.

AskRail – The AskRail app provides responders at no cost with immediate access to accurate, timely data about what type of hazardous materials are in a specific rail car or on a train so they can make an informed decision about how to respond to a rail emergency. AskRail also has desktop and web-based versions available for local Emergency Communication Centers (ECC) that can be used to provide responders with this necessary hazmat car and train information. For onboarding and assistance integrating AskRail with your ECC, please contact Ralinc at (877) 724-5462 or support@askrail.us. Get more information about the AskRail app here: www.askrail.us.

BNSF Hazmat Training – BNSF provides both instructor-led and web-based hazardous materials training. Recently, we posted a new virtual-reality web-based training (WBT) on [Initial Incident Size-Up](#). This 20-minute training provides responders with the important steps in sizing up a derailment which will lead to a safe and efficient response. These short WBTs are intended to be focused on a specific topic and allow those who participate to gain the needed knowledge without having to dedicate significant time to complete the WBT. We are planning to develop more of these short virtual-reality online training modules. If you have any suggestions on potential short topics on railroad hazmat response, please let me know. Finally, BNSF continues to provide scholarships that cover the tuition to railroad emergency response training at the industry's Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC) in Pueblo, CO. To get more information on hazmat training and

SERTC scholarships, go to www.bnsfhazmat.com and select Community Responder Tab. More information on SERTC is at <https://sertc.org/>.

BNSF Hazardous Materials Traffic Flow Reports – BNSF also provides hazardous materials traffic flow reports to fire departments and emergency managers. These reports provide a listing of the hazardous materials that BNSF transported through a city or county over the last 12 months. To request a hazardous materials traffic flow report please go to www.bnsfhazmat.com and select the Community Responder Tab.

BNSF's System Emergency Response Plan – A copy of [BNSF's System Emergency Response Plan](#) is available for your review and use through www.bnsfhazmat.com. Part of our System Emergency Response Plan is BNSF's Incident Management Team (IMT). Our IMT allows for the mobilization of resources at varying levels as dictated by incident circumstances. BNSF's IMT maintains a large group of well-trained personnel to lead and assist with emergency response incidents and is comprised of a local or state IMT, a Regional Away Team, and a Corporate Crisis Management Team (known as a "Go-Team").

Thank you for your partnership and your efforts to protect our communities. Please feel free to forward this message to any of your team members. And if you want to continue to receive information on BNSF's emergency response training, exercises, and changes that can affect emergency responders, sign up to our communications list at <https://p2a.co/5vnhjxS>.

Stay safe.

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