



## North Country Hazardous Materials Team

### Quarter #4 2024 Updates

12/21/2024

Our Northern NH Haz Mat Team has been busy since the last quarterly updates. Members have participated in the Live Fire Propane Emergency training sponsored by Dead River Propane. This all-day training was attended by members representing the City of Berlin, and Towns of Lisbon, Littleton, Sugar Hill, and Landaff.



Sticking with the training theme members also participated in a rail car propane training in the Town of Lancaster. This training was facilitated by the Vermont Rail System and included a "hands on" component in the afternoon at a rail siding where members were able to see up close the locomotive and emergency shut offs of a 30,000-gallon rail car.



Multi-Rae meters were both bump tested and calibrated last week as required by the manufacturer's specifications

Team members along with Fire Chiefs Jeff Duncan (Twin Mountain Fire), Alan Clark (Sugar Hill Fire), Chad Miller (Littleton Fire) and a member of the Carroll County Haz Mat team attended Radiation training facilitated by the 12<sup>th</sup> CST (National Guard). This training went over the operation and maintenance of our new Rad Fisker detector and our 2 R-425 Ident Finder rad detector and identifier. Thanks to Twin Mountain Fire for hosting us.



On December 7<sup>th</sup> I submitted the remainder of the required documentation for our next round of grant funding. Our 2024 grant has been accepted by the Department of Safety. I anticipate the ok to expend email sometime in January. Once that is received, I will meet with John Sarnik of Berlin to ensure the equipment we purchase is what the needs of our North Pac area team is looking for. This \$25,000 grant is for equipment only. A new grant rolled out with a short turn around in the amount of \$12, 125.00 from the Fire Marshall's Office. \$6,000.00 is dedicated for training with the remainder to be equipment the State Haz Mat Collaborative voted to obtain for each team.

The AG's office still has our bylaws for approval. To date I have not heard back from the Fire Marshall or DOJ.

Recently I sent a survey monkey to the teams to determine what the team members would like to see for training opportunities for 2025. I will compile the results and have them available in January. The survey is still open and will only take about 5 minutes to complete. [www.twinstatfire.org/hazmat](http://www.twinstatfire.org/hazmat)

Thanks so much for everyone that has attended the trainings this fall. It takes a village to coordinate the logistics and vendors. Seeing a great turnout is very satisfying.

Have a wonderful holiday and I will be in touch next year!!

Respectfully submitted,

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