

# News Release

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## **Pipeline Emergencies Second Edition Releases Online Instructor Guide for Fire Trainers; Material Supports New Textbook**

Today the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) announces the availability of a new Instructor Guide for the Pipeline Emergencies second edition training program. At their Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. NASFM unveiled the brand new training tool designed to support certified trainers teaching the recently updated curriculum to hazardous materials response teams, first responders, and pipeline safety personnel.

Washington, DC (PRWEB) **July 14, 2011** – The HYPERLINK "<http://firemarshals.org>" [National Association of State Fire Marshals](http://firemarshals.org) (NASFM), working with a cooperative agreement from the U.S. Department of Transportation's HYPERLINK "<http://phmsa.dot.gov>" [Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration](http://phmsa.dot.gov) (PHMSA), unveiled today a key piece to the comprehensive Pipeline Emergencies training package at their Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

The new Instructor Guide was developed by award-winning fire trainer and hazardous materials specialist Michael Callan. A detailed training tool, the package is designed to help certified instructors who conduct classes for first responders and pipeline safety operators using NASFM's recently released *Pipeline Emergencies* second edition textbook written by Michael Hildebrand and Greg Noll. The Instructor Guide includes slideshow presentations that incorporate textbook highlights and training tips. The training slides can be completely customized to adapt to any classroom situation.

"NASFM is proud to offer not just the textbook but also a trainer's package," said Jerry Rosendahl, President of NASFM and Minnesota's State Fire Marshal during his opening remarks at the Annual Meeting. "Having the information out there is great but actually giving trainers what they need to get it to America's first responders -- well that's even better." Jim Narva, NASFM Executive Director and former Wyoming State Fire Marshal

added during his report to the nation's top fire officials, "NASFM is really excited to be the group to provide this state-of-the-art curriculum. We know safety, and it was important to NASFM to not only write the best textbook out there but to make sure the information is used and shared. No other public service agency is doing what [NASFM] is doing. This is an exciting time."

The Instructor Guide and the complete Pipeline Emergencies curriculum can also be used by pipeline industry operators to fulfill federal guidelines requiring outreach and training of first responders in specific distribution areas. NASFM hopes to partner with operators in the pipeline industry to train their local firefighters. This would allow financially strapped communities who may not be able to send first responders to an actual training class to learn about the latest response techniques via the online curriculum.

#### About Pipeline Emergencies

Developed by a team of hazardous materials specialists, the Pipeline Emergencies program is the direct result of a cooperative partnership that brought together pipeline owners and operators, federal, state, and local regulators, trade associations, elected officials, and emergency responders to protect American responders and ensure the safety and security of America's pipeline infrastructure. The updated curriculum covers both liquid and natural gas pipelines, and a range of emergency situations including leaks, spills, and fires. The textbook is available in print, on CD or electronically. The Instructor Guide is offered as a download from the program's dedicated website ([www.pipelineemergencies.com](http://www.pipelineemergencies.com)). Smartphone applications for the textbook are available for the iPad, iPhone, and iPod Touch. A Droid version is due soon.

#### About NASFM

The National Association of State Fire Marshals, based in Washington, DC, includes the most senior fire officials in the United States and District of Columbia. The mission of NASFM is to protect life, property and the environment from fire and related hazards. NASFM works closely with federal agencies and the American public to offer concrete solutions to fire safety issues. HYPERLINK "<http://www.firemarshals.org>"  
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#### About PHMSA

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is a division of the United States Department of Transportation. The mission of PHMSA is to prevent emergencies and reduce the consequences (to people, the environment, and economic impacts) after a pipeline or hazmat failure has occurred. For more information about PHMSA visit HYPERLINK "<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov>" [www.phmsa.dot.gov](http://www.phmsa.dot.gov).

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