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Successful Launch of Firefighter Training

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In 2016, ERAC successfully provided first responders with firefighter training in a few different capacities; LPG Firefighter training, Flammable Liquids Industrial Firefighter training and Flammable Liquids Fire Suppression Trailer training.

The LPG Firefighter training was rolled out in July of this year and has become a highly successful program delivered by ERAC. Thanks to the team at ERAC who have worked hard on the development of this program, more than 500 firefighters have signed up for the LPG Awareness online training and more than 100 firefighters have attended the 2 day LPG Level 1 Mobile Operations training. We have successfully conducted 5 separate LPG Level 1 Mobile Operations training exercises in Ontario, including Blythe, Thunder Bay, Huntsville, Dorchester and Lincoln. During the 2 days of training, firefighters review and are tested on a seven module based program and spend eight hours of hands-on live fire training, which include distribution system breaks, motor vehicle fuel tank fires, building service meter flange fires and cylinder or tank fires. We are planning for dates throughout the country in 2017. If you'd like to see this invaluable training in your area, please contact ERAC.



LPG Level 1 Mobile Operations Training – Blythe, ON



Flammable Liquids by Rail Industrial Firefighter Training - Vermilion, AB

In August, ERAC conducted a one and a half day flammable liquids by rail industrial firefighter training course at the Lakeland College Emergency Training Centre in Vermilion, AB. The training course provided the industrial firefighters, identified in our Plan, with basic operations level, bulk flammable liquid offensive and defensive tactics and the use of ERAC's fire suppression trailers. There were a total of 5 industrial firefighter teams that participated in the

training, along with 18 Plan Participants and industry and regulatory stakeholders observing the training. We would also like to take this time to thank CP, CN, RAC and the industrial firefighter teams for their participation in making this training successful.

Towards the end of 2015 and beginning of 2016, ERAC had purchased six fire suppression trailers and they have been strategically placed across Canada. The six trailers are located in Prince George, BC, Parkland County, AB, Regina, SK, Irving ERS, Saint John, NB, Lévis, QC and Sudbury, ON and each location has been provided two days of awareness and operations training. By placing the trailers in each of these locations, the trailers are easily accessible to be transported to flammable liquids fire incident locations as support. Each trailer is equipped with two pumps, each capable of pumping 750 GPM and streaming 80 psi and have 2000 L AR-FFF. ERAC supports Plan Participants and fire departments to call upon ERAC, should they require the use of the fire suppression trailers to assist in an incident.



ERAC Fire Suppression Trailers

Should you have any questions with regards to firefighter training, please contact Louis-Philippe Ethier, Technical Advisor at 514-886-0984 or lp.ethier@erac.org for Eastern locations or Lance Bushie, Technical Advisor at 403-512-0090 or lance.bushie@erac.org for Western locations.