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## Staying a step ahead with training

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You might be called to a variety of emergency incidents that require numerous skills to handle them safely and effectively. Some organizations will go a step further by putting a team together to handle low-frequency, high risk incidents, such as dangerous goods releases and fires, due to their unique nature.

For this reason, emergency response team training must be frequent, continuous and habit forming, with a strong focus on the fundamentals. The team should conduct daily drills to build skills for stretching, advancing and hazmat response, including fire. Training can be simple; it does not have to be elaborate to be effective.

Over the past year, ERAC instructors travelled across the country, promoting and delivering first responder LPG and flammable liquids training. It's through the [sponsorship and donations of various Plan Participants](#) that we're able to provide this first-class training, increasing the knowledge of emergency responders across Canada.



[ERAC's NFPA-compliant LPG training program](#) has two levels:

- LPG Firefighting Awareness (online training) – free of charge
- LPG Level 1 Mobile Operations (on-site at your location) – starting at \$350/responder

Assessment is also a vital aspect of our training programs, identifying the response team's strengths and weaknesses when responding to an emergency. Emergency response teams must continually improve their performance and ability in hazmat response and mitigation techniques. The best place to conduct an assessment is in the field before clearing out of an incident or training event: discuss what went right and what could be done better for next time.

High-performance response teams take time and effort, and they sweat! These teams emphasize responsible care, and improve safety for all responders operating on the incident site, as well as the surrounding community.

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