



ERAC Takes Training to the Next Level

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A fire department and its firefighters are only as good as their training. But training can be challenging if you're on a tight budget or repeating the same old drills and reviewing the same old SOPs/SOGs. To remain effective, you must constantly look for innovations and resources that challenge your firefighters.

It has been one year since we have created the mobile LPG firefighting training program across Canada. The LPG operational firefighting training was first introduced at the Emergency Services Training Center (ESTC) in Blyth, Ontario, by Fire Chief David Sparling. The ESTC crew evaluated more than 100 firefighters as to how they would respond to an incident involving LPG's. The evaluation was a huge eye opener when most of the firefighters would respond without an action plan or adequate information on the product and its reaction.

Since then we have reached out to over 500 trainees. Our mobile training prop allows for safe, realistic and cost-effective training on tactics such as a liquid propane leak, LPG cylinder PRV leak with fire, LPG motor vehicle leak, etc. ERAC'S full time Technical Advisors (trainers) are to meet specific training objectives and performance criteria that meet NFPA 472 and NFPA 1041 standards.

The mobile LPG firefighting training program has been reviewed and endorsed by the Ontario Fire Chiefs Association. This live fire training program can be delivered in your hall. If you are interested, log on to the ERAC website and click on Training & Events > Training > LPG Firefighter Training. You will be taken to the registration area for LPG Firefighting Awareness Online Training and LPG Level 1 Mobile Operations Training.

