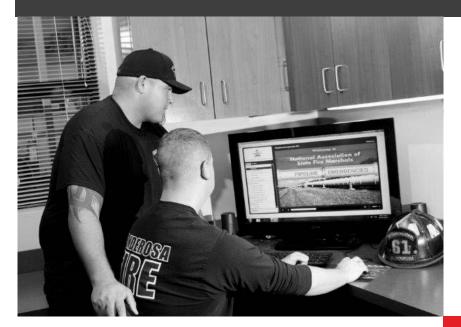
## PIPELINE EMERGENCY TRAINING PORTAL: Free Online Training For First Responders



Pipeline operators have teamed up with the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) to offer an outstanding pipeline emergencies training opportunity for first responders. This "The Pipeline Emergency Training Portal" program, provided at no charge, is available online, 24/7.

The training is self-paced: you may progress through the online modules at a rate that is comfortable to your learning style and that accommodates your busy schedule. A printable certificate that may be used to demonstrate successful completion of continuing education units (CEUs) is offered.

Self-paced and online, the "PIPELINE EMERGENCY TRAINING PORTAL" offers relevant continuing education on your schedule.





A vital partnership for an **effective response** to pipeline emergencies:



and North American First Responders



## RESPONSE TRAINING NOW AVAILABLE

An experienced first responder generally knows what to expect when approaching a burning structure, a wildfire or even the spill of a hazardous material from an overturned tanker truck.

Incidents involving transmission pipelines are relatively rare — something even a seasoned first responder may have never encountered. However, the consequences of not knowing how to approach a major release of petroleum products or natural gas from a transmission pipeline could be as serious as being caught unprepared for a backdraft and flashover!

For more than three years, the API/AOPL Emergency Response Team has worked with key emergency response organizations to develop online training and other resources to provide all first responders access to relevant information about what to expect in a pipeline emergency and how to effectively respond. These initiatives include:

- Increasing opportunities for first responders and pipeline operators to participate in joint exercises that test emergency response plans and build better working relationships.
- Periodic Pipeline Emergency Response Forums, which will bring together emergency responders, pipeline operators and regulatory agencies to share learnings from past pipeline emergencies and to discuss ways to enhance emergency response preparedness and cooperation among pipeline operators, first responders and regulators.
- The establishment of an Emergency Response Advisory Board

   including representation from emergency response advocacy
   organizations and regulatory agencies to provide knowledgeable
   counsel to API/AOPL member pipeline operators related to effective response to pipeline emergencies.
- The development of guidelines and recommended practices to provide emergency responders and pipeline operators with the tools needed to meet the expectations of our mutual stakeholders for an effective response to a pipeline incident.

To enroll in this free online training, go directly to the "Pipeline Emergencies" program portal at: http://pipelines.training

For more information, please visit www.aopl.org/emergencyresponse or contact emergencyresponse@api.org

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All first responders will benefit from the brief, but very informative, awareness course. The operations and technician level courses provide more pipeline emergency problemsolving challenges and tactical information.

## The "Pipeline Emergency Training Portal" program offers three levels of training:

- Introduction Awareness level for emergency personnel (1-2 hours)
- **Intermediate** Operations level for first responders (4-6 hours)
- **Comprehensive** Technician level for hazardous materials personnel (10-12 hours)

