

IHMM Discussion Points for January 23 AHMP Northeast and East-Central Chapters Conference Call

- There should be fair number of people interested in Dangerous Goods. How can chapters get involved? Because certification is narrow in scope, people should have good mastery of subject.
 - *IHMM response: please point any interested parties to the IHMM website. In particular: <http://www.ihmm.org/applicants/eligibility-requirements-cdgp>. You can also let IHMM know of any interested parties and IHMM will follow-up.*
- Some companies have several staff members trained in the dangerous goods area.
- Linda Lawhorn of East Tennessee Chapter was one of first AHMP members to obtain dangerous goods certification.
- Rich has been working on rebranding task force. This will be a big part marketing. What do you think of new branding from IHMM?
 - *IHMM response: The IHMM BOD has directed IHMM Staff to implement the new brand and we are rolling out our materials throughout the rest of 2014.*
- It will be important to market the certifications key people.
 - *IHMM response: IHMM has a key accounts program to "Educate key decision makers at organizations on the benefits of IHMM credentials." Please see the attached summary of activities to date.*
- How will the IHMM update website be updated?
 - *IHMM response: We have signed a contract to update the IHMM website that should be launched by year-end.*
- What is background to the new IHMM logo? Will it benefit IHMM members?
 - *IHMM response: IHMM Logo was managed by IHMM's Branding Task Force and approved by the IHMM BOD.*
- How many CHMPs are there? What is the profile of a typical CHMP? How can chapters CHMPs promote this certification?
 - *IHMM response: There are approximately 50 CHMP. CHMPs are in all areas of hazardous materials management, although some are focused on EMTs show up on the scene of the accident, Humanitarian aid, disaster relief and emergency management personnel, Firefighters rush into burning buildings, Shipping personnel, and Technical personnel that may work for you or in your firm. Chapters can promote IHMM's mentor program to current CHMM to mentor a colleague who would apply the CHMP. Please see: <http://www.ihmm.org/press-releases> and look at PR in 2013, #7.*
- Chapters have had difficulty to coordinate schedule with IHMM schedule?
 - *IHMM response: Currently, any IHMM credential is available on demand throughout the year. The exam schedule is at the convenience of the credential applicant.*
- Jeff was going to have tables at Federal Plaza in New York. New Jersey has been involved. There should be opportunities with the Federal Government.
- Does there need to be some sort of follow-up after to course to see if people are sitting for the exam?
 - *IHMM response: IHMM would welcome follow-up activities by Chapter leaders.*
- It would make life easier if dues could be paid to AHMP and IHMM at the same time so the notices came out in one email. People have difficulty getting checks approved for different organizations.
 - *IHMM response: IHMM is a separate organization and fees are required for certificants to be current.*
- How much support would IHMM give to chapters to get state permitting authorities to recognize certifications?
 - *IHMM response: IHMM would welcome any alerts on state activities from Chapter leadership*
- Need to get certificant contact information to chapters.
 - *IHMM response: IHMM has provided state listing of certificants upon Chapter request and would honor future requests*
- Need to advertise chapter EHMM courses on IHMM website.
 - *IHMM response: IHMM has provided EHMM course listings at the IHMM website and allows for future postings of EHMM courses. Please see: <http://www.ihmm.org/resources/professional-development-activities>*