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LOCAL RESPONDER ATTENDS HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING

Emergency Responder **Chief Steven Marshall, from the Washington, NH. Police Department** recently completed training offered by the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP). The CDP is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and is the only federally-chartered Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training facility in the nation.

Marshall attended an intensive 3 day Command Course for Managing Civil Actions in Threat Incidents in January. He completed in depth classwork, culminating in a day long table top exercise putting the new skills and training to the test. Other students in the class were police officers, firefighters and emergency managers from agencies all over the United States and territories. The work group Marshall was assigned to consisted of police officers from Delaware, Ohio, Maine, Maryland, and Minnesota, a firefighter from Orange County, CA., and an emergency manager from Puerto Rico. Washington Police officers will be attending the Basic Level Civil Actions in Threat Incidents in coming months.

The CDP provides federally-funded, interdisciplinary training for emergency responders in Mobile Training Teams (MTTs) across the United States and the U.S. Territories, for 10 response disciplines: Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Service, Governmental Administrative, Hazardous Materials, Healthcare, Law Enforcement, Public Health, Public Safety Communications, and Public Works.

Resident training at the CDP's campus in Anniston, Ala., includes healthcare and Public Health training at the CDP's Noble Training Facility, the nation's only hospital facility dedicated to training hospital and healthcare professionals in disaster preparedness and response.

A number of resident training courses culminate at the CDP's Chemical, Ordnance, Biological and Radiological Training Facility, the nation's only facility featuring civilian training exercises in a true toxic environment, using chemical agents. The advanced hands-on training enables responders to effectively prevent, respond to, and recover from real-world incidents involving acts of terrorism and other hazardous materials.

Responders participating in CDP resident and nonresident training courses are selected from the nation's 11 million emergency responders. The training ensures that responders gain critical skills and confidence to be better prepared to effectively respond to local incidents or potential WMD incidents.

Information about CDP training programs can be found at <http://cdp.dhs.gov>. For more information or for photograph requests, contact Shannon Arledge, Public Affairs Specialist, at 256-847-2212, arledges@cdpemail.dhs.gov,

FEMA's mission is to support its citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.



Chief Steven Marshall (seated far right) in his work group managing multiple fictional incidents during the culmination table top exercise during the Managing Civil Actions in Threat Incidents Command course at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, AL. Other participants in the work group were police officers, firefighter and emergency manager from Delaware, Maryland, Maine, Minnesota, Ohio, Orange County CA, & Puerto Rico.