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Subject: Release of the Indiana Hazardous Materials Team Qualification Program

Purpose

The purpose of this information bulletin is to announce the release and disseminate the Indiana Hazardous Materials Team Qualification Program guidance document.

General

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS), in partnership with the Indiana Hazardous Materials Team Alliance (Alliance), is proud to announce the release of the Indiana Hazardous Materials Team Qualification Program (HMTQP). The HMTQP was developed by IDHS after the Alliance identified the need for a standardized system to identify the capabilities of individual hazardous materials teams in Indiana. Participation in the Indiana HMTQP is completely voluntary. The program supports NIMS resource typing and credentialing concepts. The program may be downloaded at <http://www.in.gov/dhs/2735.htm>.

Hazardous Materials Team Qualification Program

The HMTQP is an opportunity for hazardous materials teams in Indiana to undergo a comprehensive evaluation of team capabilities in order to identify strengths, weaknesses, and needs. Teams are evaluated to the recommendations found in the HMTQP document and will be used to determine the teams typing according to NIMS and suitability for participation as a mobile support unit for Indiana.

This Informational Bulletin is intended to communicate guidance and clarification of District Programs. The information contained herein supersedes all previous information or guidance pertaining to the subject. This information is intended to help districts plan, prepare, take appropriate actions and collaborate. Any questions pertaining to this bulletin may be directed to the Field Services Division at 317-234-7228. To be added to the District Informational Bulletins distribution list, please send an email to fieldservices@dhs.in.gov.

The first phase of the program involves a self assessment where each participating team will need to complete a survey online at:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22DQ8UZ8A8W>

The second phase of the program will be an assessment conducted by the IDHS Field Services Division CBRNE Section in conjunction with the participating HAZMAT team. These assessments are targeted to be completed by the end of 2012. The final phase is on-going maintenance where teams will be on a guided program of self-improvement.

Questions

Any questions pertaining to Indiana Hazardous Materials Team Qualification Program may be submitted to Tim Thomas, CBRNE Specialist, tthomas@dhs.in.gov or call 317-439-8071.