HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

FALL 2014

Fire Technology 10 #7586 Thursday 1430-1740 TA255

Instructor: Lee Macpherson, Battalion Chief, Retired
Textbook: First Responder Operational, CSFTS
DOT Emergency Response Guidebook

Student Learning Outcome

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

The student will be able to describe the role of the First Responder.

The student will be able to identify five flammable liquids.

The student will be able to identify three basic methods of spill containment.

DATE		SUBJECT		ASS	SIGNMENT	QUIZ
Aug	28	Introduction/I	Registration	Chapters A	A and B	
Sept	4	Recognition and Safety,			C	
	11	Chemistry Review, Flammable Liquids				1
	18	Safety, Isolation, Notifications, Killer Bees,			D	2
	25	Command, Scene Management and Ammonia			E	2 3 4
Oct	2	Action Plans and ERG			F	4
	9	Protective Equipment			G	5
	16	Containment and Protective Actions			H	6
	23	Disposal and Documentation			I	7
	30	Outside Agencies and PrePlanning			J and K	8
	Toxics, Poisons and Corrosives – Term				e L	9
Nov	6	Explosives and Explosions, DMV			M	10
	13	Legal Aspects, Return Term Papers			O	11
	20	Review for Finals				
	27	Thanksgiving Day Holiday				
Dec	4	State Exam (DOT ERG needed)				
	11	Collegiate Final Exam (DOT ERG needed)				
Grading:		Quizzes	100 points		A = 300 to 27	0
		State Exam 80 points			B = 269 to 240	
		Final Exam	120 points		C = 239 to 20	0
		Term Paper	Pass/Fail		D = 199 to 17	0

Eleven quizzes are given during the Semester. The lowest score will be thrown out, allowing the student to miss a quiz or do poorly on one. Sorry, no make-ups on quizzes.

On time attendance is mandatory. A student will be considered 'absent' if they arrive in class 5 minutes or longer after the posted start time for the class. As per college policy (

see 'Attendance During Semester', page 48 of the 2014-2015 ECC Catalog) a student may be dropped when the number of hours absent exceeds the number of units assigned to the course. In the case of F/T 10 this means you can only have 1 unexcused absences during the entire semester. Keep in mind that 'Tardies' in excess of 5 min count as an absence. Students can call the Instructor and leave a message at 310-660-3593 ext 3997

TERM PAPER INSTRUCTIONS

All students are required to complete a college level term paper on a subject concerning Hazardous Materials. The term paper topic is the student's choice but must be approved by the Instructor in advance. The paper is to be 3 to 4 pages, double-spaced, completed on a computer. If the student does not have a computer at home or work, the college has them available. Term papers are to be submitted in a cover, with a cover page and a reference page. Students not familiar with term paper structure are strongly encouraged to seek assistance at the Writing Center located in Communications 201.

The term paper is due on or before **Oct 30**. Students are urged to not wait until the last minute to start or turn in their term paper. Term papers submitted after **Oct 30** will cause the student to lose one full letter grade for each week late. Grading of the term papers will be on a Pass/Fail basis, with emphasis on content and structure.

Students are encouraged to use the Internet for term paper research. Students are warned that the term paper is to be in the students own words, not copied directly from the Internet. Directly copying the Internet will cause the paper to be failed. Term papers that do not appear to be in the students own words will be subjected to an examination by an Internet search engine that looks for similar language.