



# FEMA

## Center for Domestic Preparedness

The threats faced by the nation's emergency responders are diverse, deadly, and complex. There is growing concern that chemical, biological, explosive, radiological, or other hazardous materials will become terrorists' weapons of choice.

In June 1998, the **Center for Domestic Preparedness** (CDP) opened its doors as a training center for the nation's emergency responders.

The CDP's interdisciplinary resident and non-resident training courses promote greater understanding among the



following diverse responder disciplines: Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Service, Governmental Administrative, Hazardous Materials, Healthcare, Law Enforcement, Public Health, Public Safety Communications, and Public Works.

At the **Chemical, Ordnance, Biological and Radiological Training Facility** (COBRATF), the CDP offers the only program in the nation featuring civilian training exercises in a true toxic



environment, using chemical agents. The advanced hands-on training enables responders to effectively respond to real-world incidents

involving chemical, biological, explosive, radiological, or other hazardous materials. Responders serve as the nation's first line of defense and deserve the highest-quality training available.

Responders from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories have trained at the CDP. The scope of training includes preparedness, deterrence, and response.

Numerous federal and non-federal training partnerships enable the CDP staff to take advantage of shared knowledge, to ensure the nation's responders receive the most up-to-date training.

At the CDP, all-hazards preparedness training for state and local responders is fully funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Round trip air and ground transportation, lodging, and meals are provided at no cost to responders or their agency or jurisdiction.

On March 31, 2007, the **Noble Training Facility** (NTF) was integrated into the CDP training center. In 1999, the former Noble Army Hospital was converted into a training site for



health and medical education in disasters, to include both acts of terrorism and manmade disasters. The NTF is the only hospital facility in the United States dedicated to training hospital and healthcare professionals in disaster preparedness and response.

The NTF includes classrooms, break-out rooms, exercise/simulation areas, a resource center, computer lab, and two prototype mass casualty decontamination training lanes. Located just one block south of the CDP, the NTF includes an adjacent helipad.

The CDP's mission is to operate a federal training center for delivery of high-quality, comprehensive preparedness training programs for the nation's emergency responders.

Learn more about the  
Center for Domestic Preparedness  
<http://cdp.dhs.gov>  
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*FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.*