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FREE TRAINING VIDEO PROVIDES VALUABLE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

ARLINGTON, VA (February 5, 2009) – When faced with an incident involving hazardous materials or dangerous goods, emergency responders need quick access to a reliable resource that can provide critical and immediate assistance directly to the scene. Thanks to a recently released training video, emergency responders can learn about a free, valuable emergency response tool called CHEMTREC (**CHEM**ical **TR**ansportation **E**mergency **C**enter) that has been serving the needs of fire fighters, law enforcement, and other emergency responders since 1971.

“We will be successful when every emergency responder knows our number by heart and takes advantage of our services,” said Randy Speight, Managing Director of CHEMTREC. “Our experienced staff is available around the clock to anyone, anywhere who is dealing with an incident involving hazardous materials or dangerous goods.”

CHEMTREC is a 24/7/365 emergency call center that provides immediate information and assistance to anyone involved in a hazardous materials incident. It is staffed with emergency service specialists who can provide access to hazmat experts, chemists, physicians, and toxicologists as well as millions of Material Safety Data Sheets.

“This free training video is a *must watch* for all first responders,” said Tim Butters, Chairman, Hazardous Materials Committee, International Association of Fire Chiefs. “CHEMTREC has been and continues to be a tremendous asset to all emergency responders.”

Emergency responders will learn that CHEMTREC can work for them in other ways from participating in drill/exercise programs designed to help them train and prepare for an incident to the ability to trigger established mutual aid teams to the scene when an incident occurs.

To obtain a free copy of the CHEMTREC – *An Overview for Emergency Responders* - training video visit www.chemtrec.com

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