

# DuPont/Norfolk Southern/Airgas Team Up for TRANSCAER® NH3 Tour

By William Burke, DuPont

TRANSCAER® partners Norfolk Southern Railroad, DuPont, and Airgas combined resources to present the TRANSCAER® Sponsored Anhydrous Ammonia Tour during a six week span Whistle-Stop style tour.

The TRANSCAER® Ammonia Tour train began in the Queen City of Cincinnati, Ohio on March 13th ending in the city of Bristol, VA on April 21st.

Stops on the TRANSCAER® Tour included Cincinnati, OH; Lexington, KY; Danville, KY; Somerset, KY; Chattanooga, TN; and Bristol, VA.



John Lerner of Norfolk Southern describes the valves and fittings on the Ammonia Tank Car Housing to Cincinnati Area Firefighters.

Over 730 first responders, firefighters and HAZMAT technicians from 82 different agencies participated in the presentations which included an Anhydrous Ammonia Training Cargo Tank from Airgas, along with Training railcars and classrooms provided by DuPont and Norfolk Southern.

At several sessions, the number of participants required the use of the DuPont Boxcar Training classroom on the CAER Car Units along with a tent provided by NS for concurrent sessions.

Instructors for the TRANSCAER® Tour included Joe Oliver, John Lerner, and Mike Stiner from Norfolk Southern, Ed Kozey, Mike Lacy, Joe Murabito, and Bill Burke from DuPont along with Dave Point from Airgas, Inc.

The TRANSCAER® Ammonia Tour climaxed with a HAZMAT Response Exercise on the last day of the tour in Bristol, VA with the DuPont CAER cars and the Airgas MC-331 Cargo Tank Training Unit utilized to provide a realistic leak simulation with water and smoke from the NH3 housing on the DuPont training tank car.



Ed Kozey of DuPont delivering the Tank Car portion of the Anhydrous Ammonia program in Chattanooga, TN. Photo by William Burke, DuPont.

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John Lerner of Norfolk Southern provides rail car hands on training to emergency responders in Cincinnati, OH this Spring.

Chocowinity, NC; and Asheville, NC. Rail equipment from the Firefighter's Education and Training Foundation (FETF), and PCS was utilized for these sessions. Instructors from NS, PCS and HEPACO provided the instructors for these workshops. Non-rail equipment was supplied by Airgas and Tanner Industries. A total of 500 emergency responders attended these sessions.

In Pennsylvania, NS TRANSCAER® training was held at Bethlehem and Harrisburg. This was a joint effort with Dow, BASF,



David Point of Airgas explaining the operation of the Anhydrous Ammonia cargo Tank with part of the class in Lexington, KY as Ed Kozey of DuPont describes the valves and fittings on the Ammonia Tank Car Housings.

Norfolk Southern's Anhydrous Ammonia Tour traveled a number of different locations on Norfolk Southern during the first half of 2011. These stops varied from one to five days and utilized instructors from NS and several other companies. Training equipment from a number of companies was used.

In conjunction with DuPont, week-long training events were held in: Cincinnati, OH; Lexington, KY; Danville, KY; Somerset, KY; Chattanooga, TN; and Bristol, VA. DuPont training equipment was also used at each of these locations where 714 emergency responders received training.

Down south, NS made training stops in Charleston, SC; Columbia, SC; Rock Hill, SC; Greenville, SC; Greensboro, NC;

Tanner Industries and PCS and was different from the other locations in that the training covered Ethanol, Chlorine, and Sulfuric Acid in addition to Ammonia. Equipment from FETF, BASF, and PCS was used at these locations. A total of 252 persons attended these three sessions.

In all a total of 1,466 responders joined Norfolk Southern's Anhydrous Ammonia

2011 Training Tour.