



# RAILROAD INVESTIGATION AND SAFETY COURSE

*Approximately every three hours a train collision occurs in the United States often requiring the assistance of first responders at the scene of an incident. The collision scene may be complex and consist of a variety of safety concerns for first responders.*

The Railroad Investigation and Safety Course provides first responders with critical information allowing them to effectively respond to and safely investigate incidents involving the railroad.

## MODULE 1 - Rail Safety 101

- Safety issues in the railroad environment
- Signs and signals at a railroad crossing
- Developing advanced preparation information
- Railroad contacts and facilities

## MODULE 2 - On-Scene Safety & Situational Awareness

- Safety considerations while responding to an incident
- Ensuring on-scene safety
- Identifying your location
- Key safety points to live by

## MODULE 3 - Rail Resources & Initial Report Information

- Familiarization with rail cars, locomotives and train documents
- Railroad personnel and rail related equipment
- Common crimes against the railroad; rail equipment of evidentiary value
- Available partner resources to aid with scene safety and investigation

## MODULE 4 - Rail Incident Conclusion

- Taking proper steps to ensure the rail scene is clear
- Documentation of rail incidents on state crash reporting forms
- How train incidents may affect the community and support for prosecution
- Operation Lifesaver and Federal Railroad Administration safety education programs

**Attendees will learn personal safety techniques while they are investigating a grade crossing collision or trespasser incident, in addition to maintaining on-scene safety unique to the railroad environment.**

This course is offered in one-, two-, or four-hour formats and is free of charge.



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