

The COHMED Program is committed to:

- Improving hazardous materials/dangerous goods transportation safety
- Fostering uniformity in regulation and enforcement
- Sharing information on hazardous materials transportation issues and delivery of services
- Providing technical assistance, training and education to states, provinces, territories and local governments to enhance existing programs
- Developing and delivering programs and services to improve hazardous materials safety

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance is a nonprofit association comprised of local, state, provincial, territorial and federal commercial motor vehicle safety officials and industry representatives. The Alliance aims to achieve uniformity, compatibility and reciprocity of commercial motor vehicle inspections and enforcement by certified inspectors dedicated to driver and vehicle safety. CVSA's mission is to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and uniformity throughout Canada, Mexico and the United States by providing guidance and education to enforcement, industry and policy makers. For more information, visit www.cvsa.org.



Cooperative Hazardous Materials Enforcement Development

Improving Hazardous Materials Transportation Safety
Through Collaboration and Education



Hazardous materials present unique challenges to industry, enforcement personnel and emergency responders. Proactive preparedness and mitigation are fundamental to ensure proper containment, safeguarding against exposure to drivers, inspectors, the general population, the environment and emergency responders. The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) Cooperative Hazardous Materials Enforcement Development (COHMED) Program provides advanced hazardous materials/dangerous goods training to regulatory and enforcement inspectors, in cooperation with the regulated industry, significantly expanding and improving hazardous materials knowledge and expertise within the hazmat community.



Through a Community Safety Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, CVSA's COHMED Program is able to provide the hazardous materials community with substantive training offerings, such as hazard-class-specific regional training courses, educational videos, direct-delivery training courses to jurisdictions, webinars, online training courses and a yearly conference specifically for individuals involved in hazmat regulation, transportation, enforcement and safety.



Regional COHMED Training Courses

CVSA offers in-person training to its members at locations throughout the U.S., giving hazmat specialists the opportunity to receive advanced hazmat training, closer to home. These courses offer hands-on training and in-depth education on commonly transported hazardous materials, such as Class 2 gases, Class 3 flammable liquids, Class 8 corrosive materials, etc. Visit www.cvsa.org/trainingpage/training to check out dates and locations for upcoming regional courses.

Direct-Delivery COHMED Training Courses

Larger agencies or departments (minimum of 30) that want their inspectors trained locally can arrange for direct-delivery training where we'll come to you and deliver the course specifically to your organization. To inquire about direct-delivery training for your jurisdiction, contact CVSA Director of COHMED Program Bill Reese at billr@cvsa.org or 301-830-6148.

Online Learning Management System

CVSA's learning management system is an online training tool available to all CVSA members via their member portal. Online training courses offer flexibility, so you can schedule training at your convenience. You can take a course anytime, anywhere, at a speed that's comfortable for you. In addition, online courses provide instant feedback. As soon as the course is complete, you'll know your score right away. When you successfully complete the course, you'll get a unique certificate of completion for your records to demonstrate the skills you have gained. Log in at www.cvsa.org/memberportal to start your e-learning journey.

Training Videos

We know you're busy and your time is limited. That's why we offer multiple ways for you to access hazmat-specific education, when it's convenient for you. In addition to our online courses, you can also access informational and educational training videos via your CVSA member portal. Simply log in to view videos on topics, such as low-pressure cargo tank inspections, intermodal tank inspections, hazardous materials regulations, cylinder inspections and much more.

Webinars

CVSA offers complimentary webinars on hazardous materials/dangerous goods and related topics throughout the year. Emails are sent to CVSA members when a webinar is coming up. And, even if you're unable to attend a webinar during its live broadcast, within a week, that webinar will be added to our online archives available through the CVSA member portal. The portal features dozens of previously recorded webinars, available to view at any time.

COHMED Conference

An annual event is held every winter (January/February) to encourage coordination, cooperation and communication among federal, state and local agencies with regulatory and enforcement authority for the safe transportation of hazardous materials and the industry partners responsible for safely packaging and transporting such materials. Law enforcement jurisdictions, motor carriers and vendors send their hazardous materials specialists and instructors to the COHMED Conference to receive focused training. The conference attracts hundreds of hazardous materials experts and enforcement personnel, emergency planning managers, first responders, industry partners, etc. The COHMED Conference provides:

- Focused hazardous materials training specific to law enforcement, regulatory inspectors and industry safety professionals
- A conduit for industry to discuss the enforcement of regulations
- Hands-on experiences, thanks to the companies that provide equipment for training
- The opportunity to network with other like-minded professionals and build substantive long-term working relationships
- In-depth technical sessions presented by recognized experts in their field
- An environment that welcomes shared input and perspectives on present and future processes and regulations

