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Dear Mr. Adams,

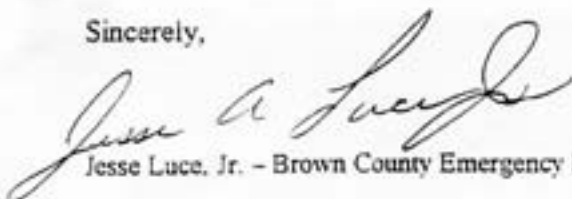
The Brown County LEPC has been successfully using your hazardous materials training video series since 1993. In 1998 we added two of the HazMat Compliance/Essentials Series computer CD sets as a pre-requisite to the course again with great success. We did however find it very difficult to schedule the number of personnel around two computers allowing them adequate time to complete the CD course. With approximately 240 personnel countywide in need of the training it became cumbersome enough that we considered dropping the program altogether.

That is where FireRescueWORLD became the solution to our scheduling problems. The personnel taking these courses live in eleven different communities up to 60 miles apart, many are volunteer firefighters with hard to manage work schedules, some have had years of experience with hazardous materials while others have never dealt with any. FireRescue WORLD's HazMat course allows our personnel, with all their variations, the opportunity to slip a CD into their own home or office computer, access the Internet, then study at their own pace. We are just completing the testing of the concept and will be using it extensively this fall.

With the Administrator's portion of the package we are able to monitor each students progress and see which objective area the student may be having trouble. This is very helpful information for the course instructors who can work with the student(s) that are having trouble grasping a specific concept. This is becoming an interactive pre-test, objective by objective. The Administrator also has the ability to send messages to the student redirecting them through a portion of the course again or calling them in for special consultations. To be honest we've not yet explored all the possibilities of this system, but I am looking forward to working more with it.

Based on our review of the course content with NFPA 472, Chapter 2, and our practical field testing from multiple computer platforms and Internet service providers I would like to recommend to anyone that they consider FireRescue WORLDs HazMat Awareness Level and First Responder Operations Level courses to meet their introductory hazardous materials training. It is efficient, highly interactive, verifiable, student paced and has a low impact on instructor or department time.

Sincerely,



Jesse Luce, Jr. - Brown County Emergency Management