

The Southern Tier of NY Meth Prevention Program Presents

## Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratories Recognition and Surface Sampling

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This presentation will discuss how first responders may improve their safety and effectiveness when responding to a methamphetamine lab incident. The instructor will discuss potential hazards of responding to methamphetamine labs and help attendees learn to identify the type and status of clandestine methamphetamine labs. Personal protective equipment and direct reading detection technologies will be demonstrated.

- What a Clan Lab is and what drugs are produced in them
- The dangers of methamphetamine and its production
- Actions and responsibilities of first responders
- Pre-planning tactics for the clan-lab response

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This work shop will provide information and an opportunity for hands-on use of "real-time" sampling methodologies. Participants will develop a sampling plan for the evaluation of a structure. Attendees will learn how to determine the risks of re-occupancy for a residence and what steps need to be taken to reduce those risks. A personal protection and decontamination plan for workers will be developed and a clearance sampling plan devised. A remediation plan for a "contaminated residence" will be formulated.

- Understand the potential chemical exposures involved with different types of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories both during and well after the cook.
- Understand the potential exposures associated with methamphetamine laboratories and the potential health effects associated with their presence in contaminated structures.
- Know the sampling methodologies available and the sampling plans necessary to determine exposure risk in structures previously used for methamphetamine production.
- Formulate a decontamination plan for structures contaminated by methamphetamine production.

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