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Pipeline Emergencies 2 Curriculum Author Wins Coveted John M. Eversole Lifetime Achievement Award at Conference in Baltimore

As the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) prepared to unveil the brand new Pipeline Emergencies Second Edition (PE2) training curriculum at the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conference in Baltimore on May 20, 2011, co-author and program developer, Gregory G. Noll, was honored with the John M. Eversole Lifetime Achievement Award.

Washington, DC; May 23, 2011 -- The [National Association of State Fire Marshals](#) (NASFM) is pleased to announce that Gregory G. Noll, a longtime NASFM partner on the [Pipeline Emergencies](#) training program, was honored with the John M. Eversole Lifetime Achievement Award by the [IAFC Hazardous Materials Committee](#) at the [International Hazardous Materials Response Conference](#) in Baltimore, MD, on Friday, May 20, 2011 at the Opening Ceremony.

Committee Chair Robert W. Royall, Jr., Assistant Chief of the Harris County (TX) Fire Marshals' Office awarded a speechless Noll the highest honor bestowed at the conference. Established in 2007, the John M. Eversole Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a living individual who has had an exceptionally distinguished career in the field of hazardous materials emergency response. It is presented annually to a distinguished leader who has, throughout his career, made outstanding contributions to further and enhance the hazardous materials emergency response profession. Nominees are only considered if they are held in high esteem by their colleagues and peers, recognized for their example in upholding professional standards, mentored other professionals, and contributed to day-to-day excellence within the hazardous materials emergency response community.

Surrounded by his family, Noll admitted that while he is not often at a loss for words, he could only muster a tearful "thanks" to the audience of more than 1000 hazardous materials trainers, responders, and technical specialists. Noll, a third generation firefighter, has dedicated his adult life to public service and safety. "I want to be a firefighter," Noll wrote in a 1972 letter to his father. Chief Royall read a portion of Noll's letter when he introduced him to one of the largest gatherings of HazMat responders on the east coast.

Noll, and his business partner, Michael S. Hildebrand, are co-authors of many books including the new Pipeline Emergencies Second Edition (PE2) training curriculum that was released at the HazMat Conference. This updated program is Internet-based and the most innovative and comprehensive curriculum of its kind for first responders and pipeline industry safety personnel. The e-Book format incorporates videos and interactive graphics with simulations and textbook learning to provide a broad representation of pipeline operations and tactical response options. Inside the second edition is a complete curriculum including a textbook, DVD, training tools, presentation slides, and facilitator's guide. All pieces are available online at no charge and can be completely customized to adapt to any training situation. PE2 is also available as iPhone and iPad applications.

PE 2 is the direct result of a cooperative partnership that brought together pipeline owners and operators, federal, state, and local regulators, trade associations, elected officials, and emergency responders. The dynamic group, headed by Noll and Hildebrand, and in cooperation with NASFM, created PE2 to improve the safety of our country's first responders and the security of America's pipeline infrastructure. The updated curriculum covers both liquid and natural gas pipelines, and a range of emergencies including leaks, spills and fires. This curriculum can also be used by pipeline industry operators to fulfill federal guidelines requiring outreach and training of first responders in specific distribution areas.

About NASFM

The National Association of State Fire Marshals, based in Washington, DC, includes the most senior fire officials in the United States and District of Columbia. The mission of NASFM is to protect life, property and the environment from fire and related hazards. NASFM works closely with federal agencies and the American public to offer concrete solutions to fire safety issues. www.firemarshals.org

About Gregory G. Noll

Greg Noll and Mike Hildebrand of Hildebrand and Noll, Inc., specialize in emergency planning and response issues. Together they have more than 40 years of experience in industry and government serving as firefighters, hazardous materials technicians, incident commanders, and instructors.

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