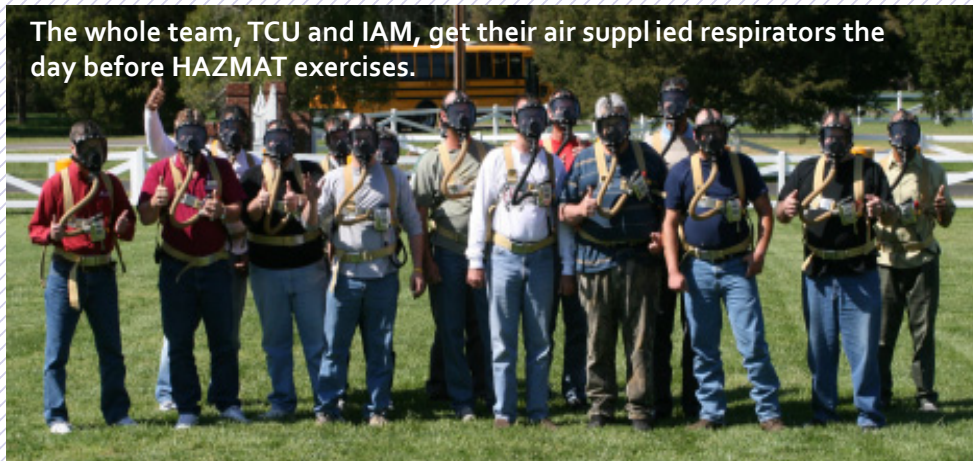


# Hope for the Best. Prepare for the Worst.



The whole team, TCU and IAM, get their air supplied respirators the day before HAZMAT exercises.



Derek Barton, suited up for "decon."

## HAZMAT TRAINING at the IAM WINPISINGER CENTER

From April 13-18, 2008, eight members of TCU's Carmen Division worked with their IAM counterparts learning about handling situations involving hazardous materials. They were attending the Chemical Emergency Response Training for Railroad Workers program at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center in southern Maryland. The four-day class focused on what to do in the event of an uncontrolled release of hazardous chemicals, with prevention through pre-planning and good standard operating procedures. It involved classroom exercises, discussion with experts, and hands-on simulations. The curriculum specifically addressed those types of chemicals and processes related to the railroad environment where our members work, explains Carmen Assistant General President Marvin Napier, who spent the majority of the week at the Center. This kind of training, he says, provides "an excellent opportunity for our members to become more familiar with those chemical hazards and relevant regulations that can improve the safety of our members working in railroad shops."



James Lynn assists Carl Goforth in securing his harness holding air supply tanks.

Seen facing their instructor in a classroom briefing prior to a hazmat exercise are, from left, William Weaver, Gary Johnson, Carl Goforth and Derek Barton.





The TCU Team: from left, Local 6354 President Lawrence Powell, Local 6060 President Carl Goforth, Local 6474 Carman James Lynn, Local 6205 Recording Secretary-FST William Weaver, Carmen Division Assistant General President Marvin Napier, Local 6508 Carman Gary Johnson, Local 6088 Carman Derek Barton, Local 6760 Chairman Steve Wilhelm and Local 6799 Carman and IAM Hazmat Instructor Kurt Poole.



Steve Wilhelm and Lawrence Powell listen to instructor's presentation.



Above--standing left is Local 6799's Kurt Poole who served as an instructor for the program. Here he is assisting James Lynn as he suits up for a hazmat exercise.



Above, Carl Goforth and James Lynn fit up full-face respirator mask.



At left: Lawrence Powell (left) and Steve Wilhelm give the "all okay" signal for their air-supplied respirators.



Instructor gets started by describing the purposes of the gear sitting in front of each participant.

Steve Wilhelm, at rt., serves as 'Tool Man,' issuing necessary items for the hazmat exercise.



William Weaver suits up for hazmat exercise.



Left--Fix that leak: it's no easy job to do when confined in the protective suit and carrying the weight of the respirator.

Having completed the hazmat exercise, Lawrence Powell (ctr.) has been through decontamination and now has his protective gear removed by others.

