



MEETING MINUTES October 9, 2011

Capital Area Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM)

Tour:

**@ FEMA National Emergency Training
Center, Emmitsburg, MD**

Attendees: Scott Ressler, Robert Stockholm, Mark Schaffer, Scott Durnin,
Ryan Kostival, Gary Moulder

- The tour began with lunch at the training center's cafeteria facility. The variety of menu items was surprising. I ranged from a full dinner type selection to a full salad and dessert bar.
- A tour of some of the areas of the campus followed lunch. We saw many of the classroom areas which are equipped with the latest video technology. The facility trains both fire service personnel and emergency responders who come from all over the country and some foreign nations. Also included in the tour were the national fire fighters memorial where names of all fire fighters who have lost their lives on duty are recorded and the national 911 memorial.
- The last portion of the tour was a presentation about the history of the facility and its functions.
- One of the more interesting facts concerning FEMA was that they commonly use retired safety professionals as incident safety officers at response sites to inspect facilities at the incident locations and to oversee safety during the responses. At current time there is a desperate need for such persons.

- It was amazing to everyone that such great facility exist so close to our area and supplies top level training for fire fighters and emergency responders for little or no cost.

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