



## International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)

For 135 years, the IAFC has been providing leadership to career and volunteer chiefs, chief fire officers and managers of emergency services. The IAFC represents the leadership of more than 1.2 million firefighters, and our members are the world's leading experts in firefighting, emergency medical service, terrorism response, hazardous materials, natural disasters, search and rescue, and public-safety legislation.

## Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

As one of ten agencies within the U.S. Department of Transportation, PHMSA works to protect the American public and the environment by ensuring the safe and secure movement of hazardous materials to industry and consumers by all transportation modes, including the nation's pipelines.

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## Regional Incident Survey Teams (RIST)



# GET INVOLVED with a Regional Incident Survey Team.



## National Hazardous Materials Fusion Center

The IAFC is leading the development of a new data center in an effort to enhance first-responder safety, operations, policy and training. In cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), the National Hazardous Materials Fusion Center will collect and analyze hazmat data collected by the **Regional Incident Survey Teams (RISTs)** and from other sources.

The National Hazardous Materials Fusion Center will provide a secure, web-based portal to facilitate information sharing, building a national hazmat team network, providing realistic hazardous materials training options and assisting emergency responders in preparing for, responding to, mitigating of and recovering from a hazmat incident.

### What are Regional Incident Survey Teams?

RISTs are composed of individuals from around the country who are skilled and experienced in hazmat response or experienced in the hazmat industry. RIST members will be part of a team invited by a local jurisdiction or state authority to respond to significant hazmat incidents for information gathering. The information will be analyzed in order to develop safe hazmat response techniques, lessons learned and best practices that will be shared with hazmat teams and emergency responders. In no case will the data be used to criticize or condemn response actions.

### Where are the regions?

RISTs will be located within each of the five PHMSA regions. Check out the map below to identify your region.



### Getting Started

Teams are currently forming and we are seeking resourceful, dedicated and safety-oriented individuals to participate. Requirements include:

- Certification as a hazardous materials technician
- Three years as a member of your agency's hazmat team
- Effective communication and conflict resolution skills

For more information, visit [www.iafc.org/hazmatfusion](http://www.iafc.org/hazmatfusion) and click on "About RIST."

### Commitment

RIST members will be provided a full position description outlining roles and responsibilities. Teams will be trained and prepared for deployments and will survey significant hazmat incidents to collect information.

### Sign Up Now

**Get involved and help provide crucial knowledge that will help ensure the safety of hazardous materials responders. Hazmat responders nationally need your expertise!**

For more information on the program or how to get involved visit: [www.iafc.org/hazmatfusion](http://www.iafc.org/hazmatfusion)

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