



City of Cottonwood Fire Department



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LOCAL RESPONDER ATTENDS HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING

Emergency responder Joe Odell, from Cottonwood Fire Department, recently completed training offered by the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP), in Anniston, Ala. The CDP is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and is the only federally-chartered Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD training facility in the nation.

This training was a week long and provided education and experience with a large variety of equipment and materials not available to all departments locally. At a larger training facility, with responders from all over the United States, allowed full scale scenarios and a wide range of experience. Joe Odell said "This training is some of the best I have been able to attend. It has given me knowledge to assist in prevention and preparedness of emergency incidents in our community and I look forward to attending again in the future."

Responders participating in CDP training gain critical skills and confidence to respond effectively to local incidents or potential WMD events.

Information about CDP training programs can be found at <http://cdp.dhs.gov> Visit the "News & Media" tab at the top of the site to download images, share CDP training articles, and find out what others are saying about CDP training. For more information about the CDP, contact CDP External Affairs Office, at (256) 847-2212/2316 or email pao@cdpemail.dhs.gov



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