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West Texas Energy Consortium Brings First Responder Training to the Region
Fire Departments and Emergency Response Personnel will train for well site and pipeline incidents.

Tuesday, March 3, 2015: The West Texas Energy Consortium (WTxEC) has contracted with Wild Well Control Services out of Houston to bring emergency management training for all of the 1st responders in its 49 county region. We are confident that what Wild Well Control brings to the classroom will add to the development of our fire, EMT/paramedic, local law enforcement, DPS and Emergency Management Coordinators tool box in case of such emergencies as well blow outs, rig fires or pipeline emergencies.

Wild Well has a 38-year history of providing best-in-class well control and emergency response and is the primary responder to more than 80 percent of all well blowouts globally – no one responds more frequently. Municipal agencies responding to an oilfield emergency must deal with a unique set of safety factors, each with the potential to catastrophically escalate if initial response is inaccurate and resources are ineffectively assigned. This course is intended to prepare tactical response agencies with local jurisdiction over oilfield emergencies to better manage their incident scenes, integrate resources and work more effectively with oil and gas operators and well control specialists. Responders learn to identify common blowout scene risks and how to predict hydrocarbon behavior, greatly increasing the probability of a safe and successful mitigation.

There will be 3 trainings this spring: March 28th in Odessa, April 18th in Abilene and May 6th in San Angelo. This training will come with 6 hours of Continuing Education for Critical Incident Management. Who should attend the training? Fire departments, HazMat Teams, local law enforcement, DPS Troopers, Public Safety & Emergency Management Personnel. Classes are limited to 75 participants. For more information on this or upcoming Consortium events, please visit <http://wtxec.org/wtxec-training-events/> or contact Katherine Stokes at Katherine@wtxec.org or 325-669-2769.

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