



March 18, 19 and 20th

THREE DAYS IN AMBOS NOGALES

WHAT DID WE DO IN THREE DAYS?

- ✘ March 18 – Traffic Incident Management Training (TIM) in Nogales, Sonora
- ✘ March 19, First Responder Awareness (FRA) Course in Nogales, Sonora
- ✘ March 19 – RRT meeting in Rio Rico
- ✘ March 19 – Incident Command System (ICS) Training for Executives
- ✘ March 20 – Bi-National Table Top Exercise

MARCH 18 – TIM'S TRAINING

Over 100 responders from across the State of Sonora attended a 4 hour course at the Nogales, Sonora theater.

Agencies that attended:

Fire – City Police – State Police – Federal Police – Red Cross –
Towing Companies – Media –
Emergency Management

Cities that attended – Nogales –
Santa Ana – Hermosillo –
Magdalena – Imuris – Caborca –
Rocky Point – Agua Prieta –
Cuidad Obregon



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Course presented through the efforts of the United States Department of Transportation, The Arizona Department of Transportation, the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the Buckeye Fire Department and the Border 2020 Program. Instructors were from the Arizona Department of Public Safety and Buckeye Fire Department. They instructed in English....So

how did they communicate with Mexico?

Easy – Translation provided by Sonora Translators and Interpreters Company.



MARCH 18 – TIM'S TRAINING

Feedback from media and responders? They hope that this is not the only course that will be taught in Mexico, that's right, not just Sonora but in Mexico. The course, the translation the instructors were in their opinion TOP QUALITY and the type of course that is NEEDED in all of Mexico and of course in ALL Of Sonora.



MARCH 19 – FRA COURSE

The First Responder Awareness Course was first provided in Sonora several years ago by Border 2020 instructors. This course, like the TIM's course, was an instant success.



The Nogales, Sonora Fire Department saw the value of this and trained several of their instructors to continue providing the course throughout Sonora. This is another example of the dedication to providing training that will save lives in Sonora by the Nogales, Sonora Fire Department.



Several agencies also attended this course to include City, State and Federal Police as well as Red Cross from several cities near Nogales.

MARCH 19 – ICS FOR EXECUTIVES

While the FRA training was taking place in Nogales, Sonora the RRT 9 had a meeting in the morning in Rio Rico and conducted the Incident Command Course for Executives in the Afternoon. Several agencies attended this course which demonstrated to several elected and high ranking officials the importance of ICS.

47 individuals from various agencies from Mexico and the U.S. participated



MARCH 19 – ICS FOR EXECUTIVES

Agencies from Mexico

State Emergency Management
Nogales Emergency Management
Ferro Mex
Nogales C-4

Nogales Fire
Nogales Red Cross
Sonora CILA

Agencies from the U.S

State Department
Arizona Dept of Public Safety
Ariz. Div. of Emergency Mgt.
County Emergency Management
Nogales City Council
Nogales Fire
Rio Rico Fire
Union Pacific

U.S. Coast Guard
91st CST
Az. Emerg. Response Commission
County S.O.
Nogales P.D.
Nogales Suburban
Tubac Fire
Douglas Fire

WHY ALL THIS EFFORT?



There has been a coordinated effort by countless agencies along the border to provide training and equipment to responders on both sides of the border to better protect our communities. The area in the Ambos Nogales area has been at the forefront of this effort. There has been hundreds of hours of training as

demonstrated on both sides of the border these past two days (March 18 and 19). Various agencies from local to federal have donated thousands of dollars worth of equipment to both sides of the border. Then the region has conducted many exercises from drills to table tops to functional and full scale to prepare for those events that WILL and HAVE occurred along our border. It is during these events that our community has worked together on several occasions to demonstrate the suburb relationship and coordination that exists in this area. These are only two photos of MANY incidents along the Nogales border. So to improve those relationships and the coordination we will continue to train and have more exercises. So, after all this training **How about a Bi-National Table Top Exercise.**



March 20 – Bi-National Table Top Exercise



INITIAL SCENARIO



It's the morning of March 20th, 2013 and Nogales Sonora has the usual amount of traffic. Many shoppers are in the downtown area.



March 20 – Bi-National Table Top Exercise

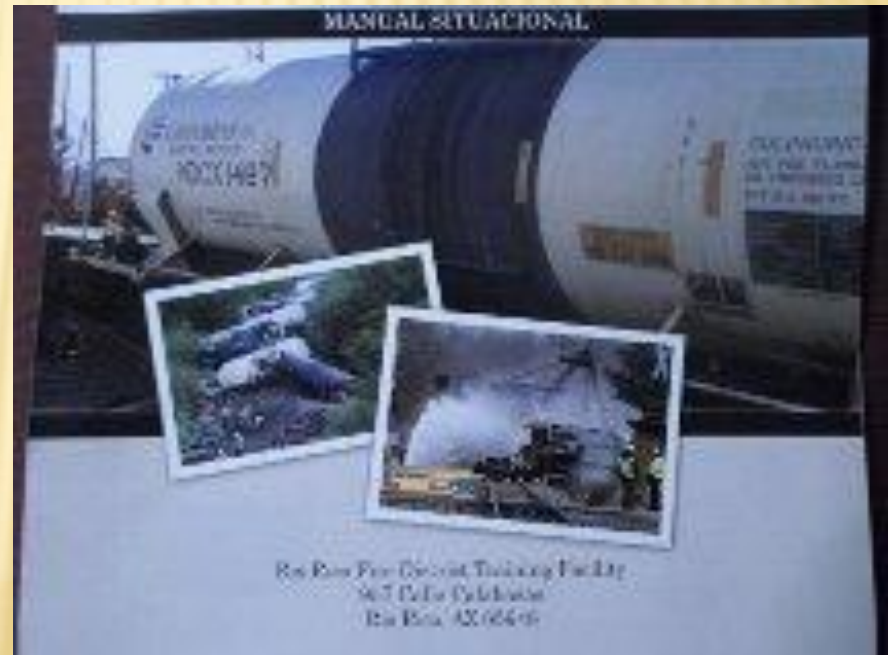
At the Port of Entry between Nogales, Sonora and Nogales, Arizona. It is a typical day with a significant amount of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic moving across the border. At the pedestrian crossing there are approximate 150 people waiting in line and traffic is backed up approximately a half mile from the gate. It can be up to a 45 minute wait to get.....



MARCH 20 – BI-NATIONAL TABLE TOP EXERCISE

It is 8:30am, three railcars carrying sulfuric acid tankers crashed through the border railroad gate. According to unofficial sources, the railcars somehow got unhooked from a train about seven miles south of the United States/ Mexico border.

This is the scenario for the Exercise attended by 65 Individuals from various Agencies.



MARCH 20 – BI-NATIONAL TABLE TOP EXERCISE



The exercise was again a joint effort by many agencies on both sides of the border from local to state to federal.

As with any exercise there were many actions that all agencies need to be

commended on but there are always lessons learned. All the agencies are looking forward to the After Action Report that will be produced. A unique activity that was added to this table top was to have a Policy Board Table as the exercise was being conducted.

City officials from both sides of the border learned quite a bit of what is expected of them in a situation of this magnitude.



MARCH 20 – BI-NATIONAL TABLE TOP EXERCISE

As in the day before there were several agencies from both sides of the border that participated. It was not unusual to have the directors of the State of Sonora and State of Arizona Emergency Management present. Their presence



has been observed in many of the exercises conducted in the Nogales area over the years.

This table top again shows the excellent relationships that have been developed by the various agencies in the area.



MARCH 20 – BI-NATIONAL TABLE TOP EXERCISE

