



Northeast Gas Association (NGA) Announces Online Safety Training Program for First Responders

Needham, MA – April 13, 2017 - The Northeast Gas Association (NGA) has announced the release of a new online gas safety training program designed for First Responders.

The First Responder Natural Gas Safety Training Program is a self-directed, interactive, online training package that provides emergency response personnel with the information they need to safely identify and respond to incidents that involve natural gas pipelines and other natural gas facilities.

This free training program was designed in partnership with fire chiefs, safety trainers, educational experts and instructional design professionals. It's a comprehensive curriculum that's dynamic, easy to use and effective.

It is based on an award-winning, innovative program first developed by National Grid in 2014.

"NGA and its member natural gas utilities are delighted to introduce this broad-based and important safety program for First Responders," said Thomas Kiley, president and CEO of NGA. "Safety is the gas industry's number one priority. Our member utilities work closely with fire and safety officials on understanding the properties of natural gas and how to respond in a safety situation. This program will help protect the safety of response officials and the safety of the region's natural gas customers."

Further information on the program can be found online: <https://ngafirstresponder.com>

The natural gas utilities participating in this program are: Berkshire Gas; Central Hudson Gas & Electric; Columbia Gas of Massachusetts; Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania; Connecticut Natural Gas; Consolidated Edison Company of NY; Enbridge St. Lawrence Gas; Eversource Energy; Liberty Utilities; National Fuel Gas Distribution; National Grid; New Jersey Natural Gas; Norwich Public Utilities; Orange & Rockland Utilities; Philadelphia Gas Works; Public Service Electric & Gas; South Jersey Gas; Southern Connecticut Gas; and Unitil.

NGA is a regional trade association that represents natural gas distribution companies, transmission companies, liquefied natural gas importers, and manufacturers and suppliers to the industry. These companies provide natural gas to approximately 13 million customers in nine states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont).