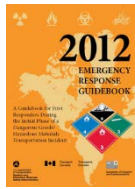


DOT LAUNCHES FREE APP FEATURING EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOK



WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) announced a free, mobile web app of Emergency Response Guidebook 2012 (ERG).

The familiar orange covered guidebook is updated every four years and the 2012 edition is being distributed to states' emergency management agencies for further distribution at the county and local level in quantities that ensure every fire, EMS and police emergency response vehicle has a copy. The new phone based safety tool will provide the nation's emergency responders with an additional fast, easily accessible source of information to help them manage hazardous material incidents. The mobile ERG will make it easier for firefighters, police and other emergency first responders to quickly locate the information they need, thanks to an electronic word search function, and will ensure easy reading even during nighttime emergencies.

PHMSA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Library of Medicine (NLM) joined forces in producing the two free ERG mobile applications. Links to download this software are available from:

--Apple iTunes website at ERG 2012 for iPhone

<<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/erg-2012-for-iphone/id592158838?mt=8&i=n-mp t=u0%3D2>>

--Google Play website at ERG 2012 for Android

<<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.nih.nlm.erg2012>>

In addition, a version of the ERG is available in NLM's Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders (<<http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov/>> WISER) application.

An instructional video for learning how to use the ERG2012 is also available on PHMSA

<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wIZTc7z7yjl&feature=youtu.be>> 's website.