

Defensive Driver Training Courses

The RMESTC's Defensive Driver Training Court is certified by the National Safety Council. This eight-hour course is a comprehensive training session that gives the students a thorough understanding of all aspects of defensive driving. Off-road recovery, backing techniques, cornering, proper steering, and driver awareness are some of the skills the student practices during the class. The driving student also gets training on skid control and avoidance while using the RMESTC's Skidcar -- a custom-built vehicle frame that replicates icy road conditions. Classes can be customized to fit specific needs of entities and vehicle requirements.

Rubble Pile

In 2009 the Montana National Guard held its Vigilante Guard Exercise in Helena and constructed a Rubble Pile at the RMESTC. This realistic training prop provides students with confined space and collapsed building training in a controlled and safe environment.

727-200 Aircraft



In 2013, FedEx Express donated a 727-200 aircraft to the Rocky Mountain Emergency Services Training Center. This aircraft, constructed in 1979, can be used for a variety of training missions – anywhere from ARFF training to law enforcement to college-level aircraft maintenance courses.

All phases and aspects of live fire training are controlled and closely monitored by professional instructors. The RMESTC students are trained in a secure, controlled state-of-the-art environment. Each of the computer-controlled fires is monitored from multiple positions to ensure the safety of each student.



Custom-Tailored Classes

We recognize that many organizations, groups and businesses do not always have the same needs. To ensure we meet your specific requirements, we offer the ability to custom-tailor courses for you. Please contact us to talk about your needs, whether they are firefighting, law enforcement, emergency drills, or driving training.

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The Rocky Mountain Emergency Services Training Center provides some of the most realistic emergency responder training in the world. Located in Helena, Montana, the RMESTC is designed to provide specialized training for all emergency responders in a safe and controlled environment.

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Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF)

The RMESTC has two 737 training mockups available for ARFF training. The Specialized Aircraft Fire Trainer (SAFT) is equipped with numerous propane fireplaces that simulate engine, cockpit, wheel/brake, baggage compartment, lavatory, galley or cabin fires (with flashover fire). Temperatures inside the SAFT can range anywhere from 200° to 650°.



Students train on the Specialized Aircraft Fire Trainer at the RMESTC.

The Spill Fire simulator is an 8800 square foot mockup of a downed 737. Fifty-six individual fire segments can be burned in hundreds of different scenarios, including completely encircling the 737 with flames that reach as high as 50 feet (see photo below). The Spill Fire mockup provides students with training on the proper use of ARFF vehicles, including handlines and turret applications.



ARFF Students participate in an Intermediate Drill using the RMESTC's Spill Fire Trainer.

ARFF Vehicles & Equipment

The RMESTC uses state-of-the-art vehicles for training purposes. The ARFF trucks include a 2011, 1500-gallon Rosenbauer Panther and a 2009, 300-gallon RIV truck, also built by Rosenbauer.



Full turnout gear and SCBAs are available at no extra cost to the ARFF students, although the RMESTC does request that students provide their own Nomex hoods, along with a great attitude for excellent hands-on training.

Mobile Training Simulators

The RMESTC is equipped with four mobile training simulators. Emergency responders can receive realistic training on the Car Fire Simulator (pictured below), our Structural Fire Simulator, a Black Hawk Helicopter Mockup, and a HazMat trailer that is equipped with numerous training props.



Mobile Training Simulators, cont'd



The Blackhawk Simulator is loaded and ready to be taken to a remote training site; once it arrives, the rotors and tail will be extended and it becomes a realistic training tool. It is the only Blackhawk Simulator in the northwest.

The HazMat Trailer, shown below, allows emergency responders to train on a variety of props. First responder students can practice a variety of emergency scenarios, including gas line and fuel tank emergencies and electrical fire suppression.



The Mobile Structural Trainer features kitchen, living area, bedroom and second floor/staircase training simulators.