

Rail Safety

2014 Legislation

The 2014 Railroad and Pipeline Safety Act created a Railroad and Pipeline Safety Account with a one-time \$1.574 million General Fund appropriation and authorization to assess rail and pipeline companies \$2.5 million total (expires July 1, 2017). The Department assessed half of the amount for FY 16 and will assess the remainder for FY 17 during the summer of 2016.

- \$104,000 is appropriated annually to the PCA for discharge preparedness.
- \$100,000 is appropriated annually for Emergency Response Teams (this funding supports the reactivated Moorhead ERT).
- The account may also be used for training reimbursement by the Board of Firefighter Training and Education and by Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM). HSEM has used this funding for staff dedicated to the purpose of the statute, training, and the two reports required in the 2014 Act.
 - The Department submitted the first report on January 15, 2015 regarding emergency response preparedness throughout Minnesota.
 - The second report is due on January 15, 2017 evaluating safety preparedness and funding related to the incidents involving the transportation of oil and ethanol.

Training Update

- DPS has completed 232 familiarization trainings.
- 167 agencies have completed the training resulting in 4,946 individuals receiving the familiarization training.
- DPS is working with MNSCU and others to develop a higher level of operational training to build off of the familiarization training. Four classes have been taught and one reimbursed as of the beginning of February. Another 8-10 operations level classes are scheduled to be taught throughout March.

Future Account Expenditures

- Reimbursement for ongoing familiarization training, higher levels training, and exercising local/state response to potential rail or pipeline incidents.
- Contract with the Minnesota Management and Analysis Division for follow up assessments, evaluation, and report due in January 2017.

Related Bonding Requests

Every day, trains carrying oil and other hazardous materials pass through our backyards. To improve rail safety, Governor Dayton's Jobs Bill would invest \$124 million in rail safety projects, including new training and emergency operations facilities.

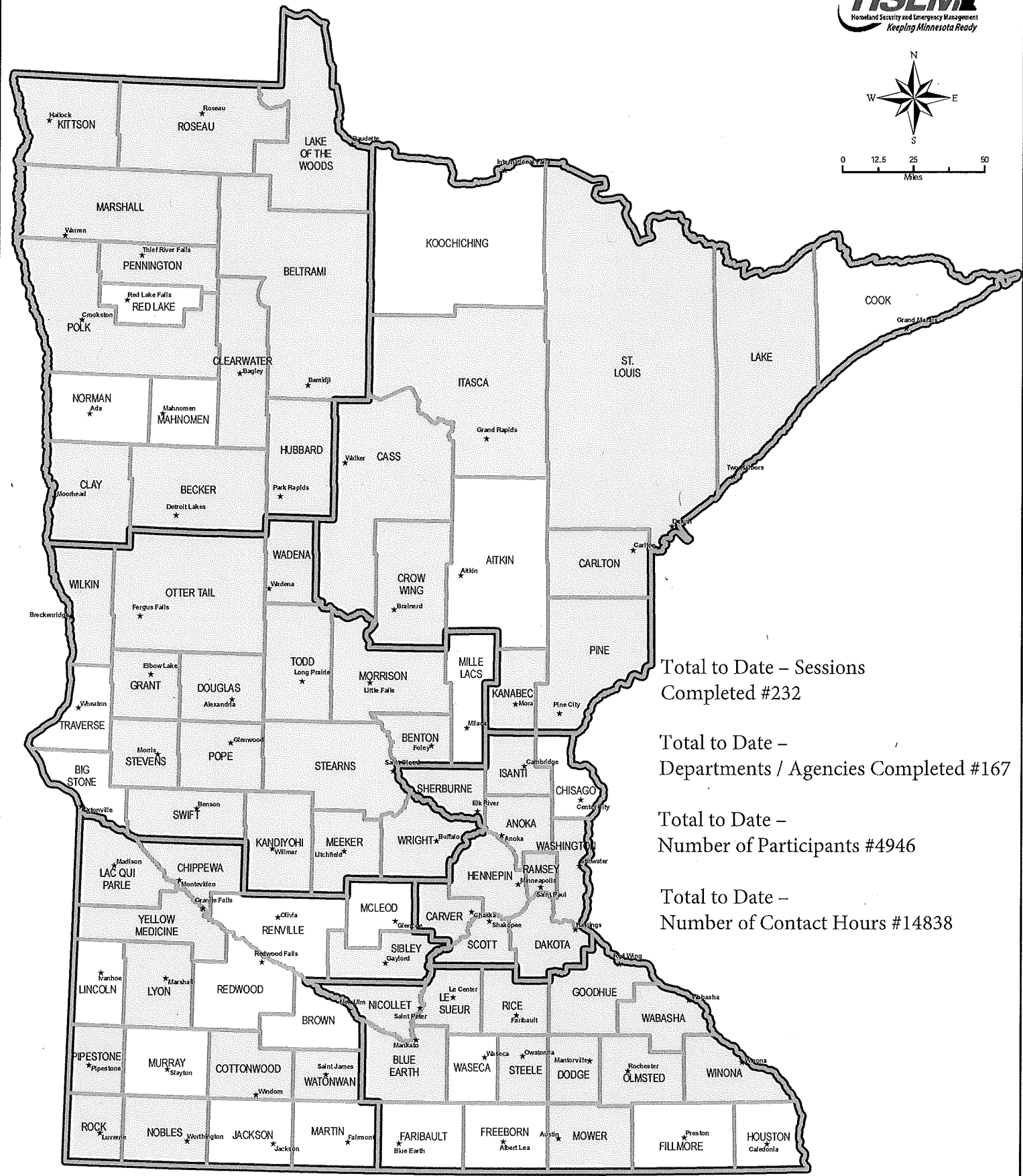
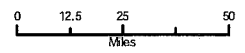
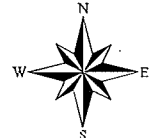
Camp Ripley Training Facility

The Department is requesting \$3.1 million to design and construct a joint emergency railroad and pipeline emergency response training facility at Camp Ripley, including the construction of stations and capital infrastructure needed for mock disaster training.

State Emergency Operations Center

The Department is requesting \$33 million for the design, site development, construction, and equipping of a new state emergency operations center (SEOC) in Arden Hills. The facility will serve as the location to coordinate state support to local governments during emergencies and disasters. It will also be a critical continuity of government (COG) for state government leaders during an incident at the capitol complex.





Total to Date – Sessions Completed #232

Total to Date – Departments / Agencies Completed #167

Total to Date – Number of Participants #4946

Total to Date – Number of Contact Hours #14838

Counties Conducted Pipeline & Rail Training