

# **BIOLOGICAL SAFETY FOR FIRST RESPONDERS**



Presented by ABSA International and the Federal Bureau of Investigation

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

Biological Safety for First Responders is a two and a half hour workshop focusing on the history of biosafety, biosafety basics, research at universities, regulatory aspects and current infectious disease issues as it relates to First Responders. This year during the workshop, the Federal Bureau of Investigation will present on challenges to responder safety as research material, technology, and knowledge become more democratized.

The events over the last few years have changed the potential exposures of biological materials to the First Responder Community and hospital personnel. Information about the Ebola outbreak and emerging diseases like Zika virus will be covered.

Discussions will include the differences between biological safety and infection control and how these differences can be used by First Responders to protect themselves and their family from potential exposures to infectious disease.

The course is being provided **FREE** of charge to the First Responder community by ABSA International. Participation is limited. This course will be a great opportunity for the Charleston area First Responders, Public Health officials and the local biological safety community to network and begin partnerships in emergency response. Please email [firstresponder@absa.org](mailto:firstresponder@absa.org) if you are interested in attending.

**October 12, 2018**

**9am—11:30am or 1pm—3:30pm**

**Charleston Convention Center—Charleston, SC**

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 DIY biology Situational awareness Ebola virus  
 Public Safety Biological Safety PANDEMIC  
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 Laboratory safety National Security PPE  
 Global Response Risk Assessment ABSA

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