Mine Rescue Team Training:

MSHA's Underground Communication & Tracking System

Training Opportunity

The Mine Emergency Operations (MEO) Division of MSHA Technical Support is providing training opportunities to all Mine Rescue Teams. The training showcases the features, setup and operation of MSHA's Underground Communication and Tracking System (UCS). This training is intended to familiarize mine rescue personnel with the deployment and utilization of the system during a mine emergency. MSHA believes providing the Nation's Mine Rescue Teams with a fundamental knowledge of this system will enhance Emergency Preparedness by facilitating effective, rapid deployments of underground communication equipment.

Participation is voluntary and the training can be scheduled to coincide with your regularly scheduled practice and tailored to fit your allotted timeframes. The initial training for team members covers basic system component setup and system functionality with opportunities for "hands-on" interaction with the system. Advanced training is also available and covers the more technically advanced capabilities of the system. A full, underground deployment of the system can be incorporated into either training.

Please contact the MEO station nearest you with questions or to schedule a training exercise.

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- **Denver CO Federal Center**
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UCS Basic System Components