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Ford Motor Company Recommends “HazmatU” to Dealers

Ford Motor Company has recommended the “HazmatU” online training provided by the Coordinating Committee For Automotive Repair (CCAR[®]) to its network of dealers as part of their environmental awareness training for employees.

OVERLAND PARK, KAN. – Ford Motor Company has recommended “HazmatU,” the Internet-based training program from the Coordinating Committee For Automotive Repair (CCAR[®]), to Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealers across the U.S.

“Regulatory requirements for the transportation of hazardous materials are complex, and automotive dealerships are searching for understandable information that can be put into practical use,” said Leo Hughes, Manager, Technical Training Operations, Technical Support Operations/SEO, Ford Customer Service Division. “HazmatU offers Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealers with a source of training that has been designed around a dealership’s day-to-day operations, and we encourage them to participate.”

Ford Motor Company, a global automotive industry leader based in Dearborn, Mich., manufactures and distributes automobiles in 200 markets across six continents and has more than 300,000 employees worldwide.

The **HazmatU** training provides a clear and accurate understanding of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations for the transport of hazardous materials, also known as “HazMat.” Among the typical hazardous materials shipped by an automotive dealership are: air bags, seat-belt pretensioners, brake boosters, compressed gas shocks and lifts, batteries, paint, adhesives, solvents and hazardous waste.

The North American Automotive Hazmat Action Committee (NAAHAC), a group of regulatory compliance specialists representing the major automotive manufacturers in North America, selected CCAR – working in cooperation with ShipMate, Inc., a HazMat specialty training company based in Torrance, Calif. – to develop and provide the **HazmatU** training.

“Ford’s review and recommendation of **HazmatU** is another demonstration of the company’s environmental focus that encompasses more than 4,400 dealers,” said Robert G. Stewart, CCAR President. “We are proud that our partnership with Ford Motor Company has expanded to provide a means for dealerships that are involved with the transportation of hazardous materials to meet the DOT requirements that employees be trained, tested and certified in the regulations.”

HazmatU is available for a \$299 annual subscription per facility, which allows a dealership to train an unlimited number of employees during the year.

CCAR is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that also operates the National Environmental Compliance Assistance Center for Auto Repair – CCAR-GreenLink® – in cooperation with the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information on **HazmatU**, visit the web site at www.hazmatu.org or call toll-free to 1-888-686-4445.

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