

## **CCAR and ShipMate, Inc. Offer New HazMatU Courses**

January 21, 2013 - Lee's Summit, MO - Charles Ayers, President of the Coordinating Committee for Automotive Repair (CCAR) today announced a suite of new HazMatU courses offered by CCAR and its affiliate ShipMate, Inc.

"Of special interest to original equipment manufacturers (OEM's), automotive dealers and groups is the fact that the courses have been pared down to the critically essential hazardous material information required for each particular job function," said Ayers. "This maximizes efficiency and reduces the amount of time needed to learn the content."

Steven Charles Hunt, President of ShipMate, Inc. provides further explanation. "Each HazMatU course has also been updated to reflect current regulatory requirements including the new provisions for limited quantities, consumer commodities, as well as the requirements for small and large format lithium batteries. They are professionally narrated and include detailed course manuals, a glossary, answers to frequently asked questions, excerpts from applicable regulatory references, supplementary reference materials and links to other useful tools and texts."

HazMatU courses includes a series of learning assessments following each module of instruction and includes a comprehensive exam. The online course will generate a Certificate of Completion for those persons that receive at least 80% score on the examination.

There are nine courses offered in the following categories:

### Surface Transportation of Automotive Hazardous Materials

This is a very comprehensive, in-depth course, that addresses all aspects of hazardous materials handling including classification, marking and labeling, packing and packaging, documentation, emergency response, hazardous materials safety, and security.

### Multimodal Transportation of Automotive Dangerous Goods

This course is a complement to the Surface Transportation of Automotive Hazardous Materials course. This course addresses the preparation, marking and labeling, documentation, and mode-specific handling procedures for automotive dangerous goods offered for transport by air or vessel.

*Spanish-language versions of the **Surface Transport of Automotive Hazardous Materials** and **Multimodal Transport of Automotive Dangerous Goods** courses are also available.*

#### Transport of Automotive Dangerous Goods (Canada)

This course was developed specifically for dealers within the territories and provinces of Canada. Auto dealers in Canada are subject to the requirements of Transport Canada and the Transport of Dangerous Goods Regulations (TDG). This course addresses marking and labeling for small and large means of containment, limited quantities, consumer commodities, documentation and incident reporting procedures. The course also includes provisions for U.S. Hazmat Security rules as many dealers engage in cross-border trade with the United States.

#### Automotive Hazardous Materials Transportation for Managers

This course is a high-level overview for managers and lead-persons that are responsible for ensuring that automotive hazardous materials are properly received, handling, stored and transported by the dealers' employees.

#### Automotive Hazardous Materials Transportation for Parts Technicians and Analysts

This course is tailored to the key hazmat functions performed by parts analysts and technicians. This course focuses on the identification and classification of various automotive hazardous materials parts, components, accessories and after-market auto-care products, as well as the requirements for hazard communication, documentation and transport.

#### Automotive Hazardous Materials Transportation for Service Technicians

This course focuses on the risks associated with various automotive components that a service technician might encounter while performing scheduled or unscheduled maintenance or repairs to vehicles. Specific attention is given to the hazard communication aspects of the regulations, including recognition of marks, labels and other forms of hazard communication.

#### Automotive Hazardous Materials Transportation for Drivers

This course focuses on the proper handling and transportation of automotive hazardous materials, initial emergency response and reporting procedures and highway specific requirements for the carriage of these goods.

For more information about these HazMatU courses offered through CCAR-Greenlink call 1-888-686-4445 or visit [www.hazmatu.org](http://www.hazmatu.org)

About CCAR: Established in 1994, the Coordinating Committee for Automotive Repair is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that works – internationally in scope – with the automotive industry, the insurance industry, OEM's, career and technical schools, collision and automotive repair shops, governments, municipalities and other organizations to provide best practice information and training, and to measure improvements related to:

- Pollution Prevention (P2).
- Safety for all who repair or maintain vehicles as a profession, as well as those who work in related businesses.
- Handling (i.e. installing, packaging, shipping, or receiving) hazardous materials.
- Reduction of lost workdays due to accidents or job-related health issues.
- Decreases in costs and liability exposure.
- Reduction in costs of training in these areas.

CCAR has earned an exclusive alliance with the following United States Government entities:

- EPA: Since 1995, CCAR has operated "CCAR-GreenLink®," the National Environmental Compliance Assistance Center for Automotive Repair, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This free, web-based service provides a wide range of compliance and best practices information specifically for the auto repair industry.
- OSHA: CCAR's "Alliance" agreement with the US Department of Labor (DOL), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), works to develop best practices for those who work on or around vehicles to help protect employees' health and safety. The agreement was first signed in 2004 and has been renewed several times since.
- DOT: At the request of the North American Automotive Hazmat Action Committee, a group of regulatory compliance specialists representing the major automotive manufacturers in North America, CCAR helped develop "HazmatU" an e-learning program for automotive dealers to address U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) training requirements for the shipment of hazardous materials. In addition, CCAR provides the "S/P2" e-learning program in Safety and Pollution Prevention ([www.sp2.org](http://www.sp2.org)) for the auto repair industry. HazmatU information is available at [www.hazmatU.org](http://www.hazmatU.org) – To learn more about CCAR, visit [www.ccar-greenlink.org](http://www.ccar-greenlink.org).