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Tanker safety seminar a success

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CHELSEA — The City of Chelsea Fire Department, with the cooperation of Dennis K. Burke Inc./Fleetline located at 284 Eastern Ave., held an oil tanker safety seminar for numerous police and fire agencies on Wednesday, including the Registry of Motor Vehicles, Chelsea Civil Defense Department, Boston Police Department, Everett Fire Department and Revere Fire Department.

Over 60 safety officials attended the training seminar, which began with a classroom session at the Chelsea Central Fire Station and included a hands-on truck inspection at Dennis K. Burke's by Hazardous Materials Officer Capt. Robert Better, Jr. and Dennis K. Burke Chief Mechanic Glen Davis.

According to Deputy Fire Chief Dennis Williams, the idea for the seminar originally began several months ago, after Registry Inspector Richard Boudreau approached Williams about the possibility of organizing a training session for his inspectors. Williams, along with Capt. Better, then contacted Dennis K. Burke officials, the major suppliers of petroleum products in the area, who were "more than happy to cooperate with the safety officials."

Williams said that Wednes-



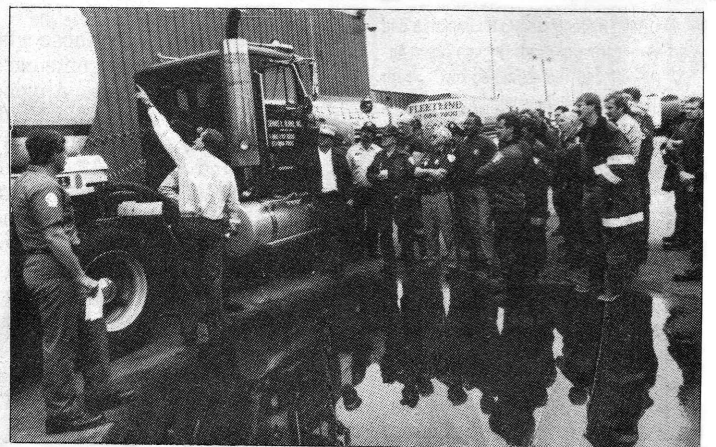
SAFETY SEMINAR ... Shown at Wednesday's training seminar at Dennis K. Burke Inc. are (l to r) President Dennis K. Burke, Civil Defense Director Allen Alpert, Vice-President Ed Burke, Capt. John Dod, Capt. Robert Better, Acting Chief Joseph Von Handorf, Deputy Chief Dennis Williams, Boston Hazardous Materials officer Paul Davies, Boston Fire Inspector Bob Watson and Registry of Motor Vehicle Inspector Robert Boudreau. (Scott Harney photos)

day's training seminar reinforced the "cooperative atmosphere" between the Chelsea Fire Prevention office and the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

"On any given day in Chelsea, over 2,000 tanker trucks come through the city," commented Williams. "We happen to be at the crossroads and we are particularly aware of the hazards those trucks pose."

Although the idea began between the Registry and the Chelsea Fire Department, Williams said that the program soon grew to include Everett, Chelsea and Boston Fire Departments.

During the hands-on inspec-



HANDS ON TRAINING ... Chelsea Hazardous Materials Officer Capt. Robert Better and Dennis K. Burke Head Mechanic Glen Davis are shown pointing out safety inspection techniques.

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tion at Dennis K. Burke's Capt. Better and Davis showed a safety videotape in conjunction with a complete safety check of several vehicles according to the everchanging federal and state regulations.

"We have always had a strict safety program," explained Ed Burke, vice-president of Dennis K. Burke. "A truck should be able to roll-over without spilling a drop. It is to everyone's advantage to get the unsafe drivers off the road."

Williams praised Dennis K. Burke, Inc. for their participation in Wednesday's program and all the fire officials who participated.

"This goes to show that we really care about safety in the city," Williams commented. "In one day, we were able to accomplish many areas are safety in transportation."

The Chelsea Fire Department also unveiled their temporary Hazardous Materials Van, in conjunction with Allen Alpert of the Chelsea Civil Defense

Department. Chelsea officials are expecting a new Hazardous Materials Van in the near future, which will be a unique piece of equipment to deal with hazardous materials incidents.

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