

PRESS RELEASE

Heroes of Industry

TDT Australia, Simulated Training Systems and the Commonwealth Department of Education Science and Training (DEST) have worked collectively in the development of a new interactive training simulation dedicated to improving staff competency levels in the transport and warehousing sector. This exciting new CD based training program called 'Everyday Heroes' is fully interactive and provides an engaging and realistic 3D virtual environment for new and existing industry personnel to learn, practice and review critical aspects of warehouse workplace safety and operations.

A relatively recent concept in flexible learning is the use of interactive simulations as an engaging alternative to traditional training & assessment delivery. Interactive simulations have the same emotionally immersive qualities as computer games but are designed to teach instead of just entertain. They can simulate situations and scenarios that otherwise would be too difficult, too dangerous or too expensive to recreate and are an ideal way of increasing learner motivation and retention.

'Heroes of Industry' is the first of its kind in Australia and aims to engage learners in an innovative way as well as promote career pathways in the Transport & Logistics Industry. Heroes of Industry links the learner to 21 units of competency from Certificates I, II & III of the Transport and Logistics Training Package. Learners are awarded Virtual Certificates for completing the requisite units of each certificate. Whilst these are not considered a qualification in their own right they can be used as evidence of knowledge acquired in the linked competency standards.

Learners must complete a range of tasks to finish all 21 Units including, sorting and packaging dangerous goods, documenting and recording movements of goods, identifying suspicious packages and dealing with potential security threats.

Information, hints and advice directing the learner is contained in a series of in-tray notes, notice boards and other clues including a supervisor 'avatar' who dispenses timely feedback and useful hints. Ultimately however, the order and the speed in which learning takes place is controlled by the learner, providing a rich and rewarding learning experience and a real sense of empowerment.

For HR practitioners, Heroes of Industry can be used by new employees as part of their induction program for a much better grasp of basic OH&S practices right from day one. Heroes of Industry is distributed on CD and is designed to be used on a standard PC meaning no special equipment or hardware is required. Of course, Heroes of Industry has been designed to complement your normal induction and OH&S training - not replace it; The simulation will help support and enhance the knowledge underpinning critical OH&S practice. (Chris-this statement has to remain in any completed article).

Heroes of Industry is available exclusively through TDT Australia. To purchase the simulation or for further information contact TDT Australia. For more information about creating a custom interactive simulation based training program, contact Mathew de Moiser at Simulated Training Systems