

PURPOSE

To provide a standard by which companies trained to the “First Responder Operations” level and Incident Commanders trained to the “On Scene Incident Commander” level respond to hazardous materials incidents.

PROCEDURE

1. Incident Commander

- A. All identified Hazardous Materials spill incidents require an Incident Commander trained to the “On Scene Incident Commander” level as described in the *HazMat/WMD Response* protocol under “Special Operations”.
 - i. Establish Command.
 - ii. Contact Hazmat Team.
 - iii. Contact RP and have them remain with Command.
 - iv. Make necessary contacts to PD, public works, etc.
- B. In unknown spills involving liquids, or dry products the on scene Company Officer is “Command” until product is identified as hazardous. IC is retained until a qualified “On scene Incident Commander” relieves them of Command.

2. Company Functions

- A. While enroute to the scene:

Obtain available information from dispatch, MDT, or caller regarding:

 - i. Fixed facility vs. transportation vehicle.
 - ii. Indications of abandoned container, deliberate release, or accidental release.
 - iii. Type of product; liquid, solid.
 - iv. Best approach; Uphill, upwind, upstream.
 - v. Any agency on scene for contact information.
 - vi. Approach scene with caution; be aware of escape routes, secondary devices, position apparatus headed away from the incident at a safe distance.
- B. Upon Arrival:
 - i. Establish Command and give size-up from a safe distance (cold zone).
 - ii. Make contact with RP if possible.

- iii. Gather product information (shipping papers, labels, product ID, color, etc.)
- iv. Determine if HazMat Team notification is required.
- v. If no information available use guide #111 (DOT Emergency Response Guide Book)
- vi. Monitor air from safe distance with PHD monitor to ensure distance.
- vii. Isolate and deny entry to area.
- viii. Communicate approach information to all incoming units.
- ix. Determine if product can be diapered safely.
- x. Determine if product is moving and if it can be safely diverted or diked to diminish or halt movement into stream or drains.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Never approach an unknown without proper air monitoring or identification.
- As soon as identified hazardous notify the Hazmat Team Leader and dispatch.
- Consider possibility of intentional release