SNOHOMISH COUNTY HAZMAT TEAM
QUICK REFERENCE DISPATCH PROCEDURES TECHNICIAN & TEAM RESPONSE

After following applicable **Dispatch Center Protocols** and a Hazardous Materials Technical or Team Response is recommended follow the information below to dispatch call.

HAZMAT TECHNICAL RESPONSE (HZTECH)

Create or Balance original incident & dispatch a Hazmat Technical Response in CAD using the type code **HZTECH**.

(*Recommended Units should be by one of the following by zone.)*
ZONE 9 – HZ15, Decon 21
ZONE 11 – HZ71
ZONE 12 – HZ1, HZ 61

SEND A HZTECH PAGE!

(Pager information for all incidents)

Information should use the following format:

1. **HZTECH Response**
2. **Thomas Bros. Map Page**
3. **Street address**
4. **Units dispatched**

TO CANCEL A PAGE:

If after a HZTECH, HZTEAM or HZSECD page has been sent and units or personnel are cancelled send the follow information:

1. Units that have cleared incident.
2. Incident number.

HAZMAT TEAM RESPONSE (On duty response) (HZTEAM):

May only be requested through the fire department incident commander or unified command.

A team request may be made at any time – to include bypassing a HZTECH Response.

Create or balance original incident & Dispatch a Hazmat Team Response in CAD using the type code: **HZTEAM**.

(*Recommended Units should be **all** of the units listed below.)*
ZONE 9 – HZ15, Decon 21
ZONE 11 – HZ71
ZONE 12 – HZ1, HZ 61
*The FRL should include the following if not already on scene. 3E, 1BLS, 1ALS, 1 Chief)

** The number of units to be added depends on those units that are already on scene.*

SEND A HAZTEAM PAGE:

(Pager information for all incidents)

The Message should use the following format:

1. **HZTEAM Response**
2. **Thomas Bros. Map Page**
3. **Street Address**
4. **Units dispatched**

HAZMAT ALL RESPONSE (Off duty call back)(HZALL):

Request for off duty hazardous materials technicians to respond with the Hazmat Team Response.

Create or balance original incident & Dispatch a Hazmat Team Response in CAD using the type code: **HZALL**.

This is used to activate off duty personnel to respond when needed.

SEND A HZALL PAGE:

(Pager information for all incidents)

The Message should use the following format:

1. **HZALL Response**
2. **Thomas Bros. Map Page**
3. **Street Address**
4. **Units dispatched**

HAZMAT RESOURCES BY ZONE:

ZONE 9 - Hazmat 15, Decon 21

ZONE 11 – Hazmat 71

ZONE 12 – Hazmat 1, Hazmat 61

SNOHOMISH COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS &
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
STANDARD DISPATCH PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: PROCEDURE **DATE: OCTOBER, 2003**

HAZMAT RESPONSE

Hazmat Responses and Weapons of Mass Destruction include reports of hazardous materials, including flammable solids, radioactive material, corrosives, oxidizers & organic peroxides, poisons, poison gases, etiologic agents and other materials deemed to be an immediate threat to persons, property and the environment. The following criteria is used to determine the level of response and incident type:

- **HAZMAT RED**
  CAD Type Code: **HZRED**
  Criteria: All responses to include:
  A. A response that defines an agencies first level of fire department response to a reported possible or confirmed spill or release of an unknown or known to be hazardous substance. This level of response should be used when, no current indication of injuries or affect on human or animal life is observed, and there is no reported formation of a plume or chemical reaction. The amount of substance is believed to be a small amount that is not flowing or moving into any waterway or drainage system. (Although a hazardous materials unit may be included in the response this level will normally not include a dispatch of a hazardous materials unit.)
  B. All hydrocarbon leaks or spills and natural gas releases use the hydrocarbon type code. These are not typically a hazardous materials response.

- **HAZMAT TECHNICAL**
  CAD Type Code: **HZTECH**
  Criteria: All responses to include:
  A. Jurisdiction having authority units are on scene or enroute to location of incident and request technical assistance only.
  B. Response to incidents upon request of the on scene incident commander or unified command to provide technical advice or additional supplies or equipment.

- **HAZMAT TEAM (ON DUTY RESPONSE)**
  CAD Type Code: **HZTEAM**
  Criteria: All responses to include:
  A. This response indicates a spill or release of a substance that is believed to be hazardous and has a potential for risk to life and health. Any indication of an injury or affect on human or animal life will indicate this higher level of response. Affect will include any sign of burning sensation or irritation to the eyes nose throat or skin. A Formation of a plume, cloud or unusual reaction by a chemical. A report that a significant

amount of a substance has been released and may enter any waterway or drainage system.

C. All railroad derailments involving hazardous materials.

D. Response to incidents upon request of the on scene incident commander or unified command.

- **HAZMAT ALL (OFF DUTY PERSONNEL RESPONSE)**

  CAD Type Code: **HZALL**

  Criteria: All responses to include:

  A. This response will activate an off duty personnel request for response.

  B. A Hazmat Team Response (HZTEAM) must be enroute or on scene before a HZALL can be dispatched.

See the Decision Tree for Hazmat and weapons of mass destruction responses to assist in determining the correct dispatch of a hazardous material response.