

Snohomish County Fire Chiefs Association

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE DEFINITIONS AND PROTOCOL FOR DISPATCH OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE UNITS (TEAM).

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To establish a standard where Snohomish County Hazardous Materials units that comprise a county wide team are dispatched to assist any emergency response jurisdiction throughout Snohomish County.
- 1.2 To define the terminology used in response category and resources requests as offered by the Snohomish County Hazardous Materials Team.
- 1.3 Define the Hazardous Material teams request for on scene resources needed to assure the safety and adequate personnel resources are available to provide the assistance needed.

2.0 AGENCIES AND PERSONNEL AFFECTED:

- 2.1 All Snohomish County Fire jurisdictions and other public emergency response agencies that may request assistance from the Snohomish County Hazardous Materials Team or any of its affiliated units.

3.0 REFERENCE:

- 3.1 Snohomish County Hazardous Materials response documents as adopted by the Hazardous Materials Board of Directors.
- 3.2 RCW as applicable.

4.0 POLICY:

- 4.1 It shall be the policy of the Snohomish Fire Chiefs Association to support the services as offered by the Snohomish County Hazardous Materials Response Team.
- 4.2 The Association shall by a majority vote of the membership adopt standard response terminology and categories as specified in the attached document for the purposes of requesting and dispatching of resources to Hazardous Materials incidents.
- 4.3 The Association shall promote through training, education and cooperation the dispatch of additional resources and specific

qualifications of personnel that are needed to safely and adequately mitigate hazardous material emergencies throughout Snohomish County.

5.0 DEFINITIONS:

- 5.1 Hazmat red response, (HZRED): A department specific response that normally does not require the response of resources from the Snohomish County Hazardous materials team.
- 5.2 Hazmat Technical Response (HZTECH): In addition to the department specific resources this level of response shall send (normally the closest) single Hazardous Material response unit.
- 5.3 Hazmat Team Response: (HZTEAM) This response shall indicate a higher level of response where all available on duty Hazardous materials response units shall be dispatched from each of the fire resource zones in Snohomish County.
- 5.4 Hazmat All Response: (HZALL) This response indicates the highest level of response to a Hazardous Materials incident in the County. In addition to all available resources on duty, all available off duty Hazardous Material personnel are notified and requested to respond to the incident.

6.0 RESPONSIBILITY:

- 6.1 The Snohomish County Fire Chiefs Association shall provide liaison with the Snohomish County Hazardous Materials Board and its members.
- 6.2 All fire agencies shall agree to meet the requirements of additional resources (See flow chart) requested to support the hazardous materials team and to provide the qualified personnel for the positions of Incident Command Officer and Safety Officer when utilizing resources from the Snohomish County Hazardous Materials team.
- 6.3 All fire agencies shall agree to, as needed, review and train its personnel in the responsibilities and requirements of requesting haz mat resources and in working with resources of the Snohomish County Hazardous Materials team.
- 6.4 All fire agencies shall review and modify as needed their agencies Fire Response List in CAD to recommend their dispatch of resources for each category of Hazardous Materials response. The resources shall not be less than three engines, one BLS unit, one ALS unit and one Chief Officer trained in Hazardous Materials Incident Command for the Haz Mat Team response.

7.0 PROCEDURE:

- 7.1 Attached is the dispatch procedure and specific requirements as outlined and approved by the Hazardous Materials Board the Snohomish County Fire Chiefs Association.
- 7.2 Modifications or changes shall be made a part of this document as outlined in the document procedure of the Snohomish County Fire Chiefs Association.

8.0 ATTACHMENTS:

- 8.1 SNOHOMISH COUNTY HAZMAT TEAM QUICK REFERENCE DISPATCH PROCEDURES TECHNICIAN AND TEAM RESPONSE
- 8.2 SNOHOMISH COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS & WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION STANDARD DISPATCH PROCEDURE.