

<b>Scotts Valley Fire Protection District</b>	<b>Policy: 1902</b>
<b>Subject: Hazardous Materials Response Policy</b>	<b>DATED: March 23, 1998</b>

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The purpose of this policy is to identify the position of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District related to the response of hazardous materials incidents. This policy is in accordance with the County's Hazardous Materials Area Plan. Refer to the district's Standard Operating Procedure 2405, *Response to Hazardous Materials Releases*.

1. Response

Requests will be honored from fire agencies in the county via the 9-1-1 dispatch center. Specifically, the request should be as a special request, Haz Mat Team from Scotts Valley Fire Protection District.

2. Operations

It is the intent of the district to be consistent with current hazardous materials operations.

- Protocols identified in the Hazardous Materials First Responder curriculum will be utilized.
- The use of the incident command system, hazardous materials module as taught in Haz Mat On Scene Commander is encouraged.
- The team will provide technical support to an incident.
- The team will provide identification and control of the product within their scope and level of training.
- The team will make appropriate recommendations to the incident commander to evacuation and safety of scene personnel.
- The team captain will make face-to-face contract with the incident commander or his/her designee prior to commencing operations.
- Team members will not provide incident command.
- Team personnel will not pick up or transport any released or contaminated material.
- Team personnel will not make the commitment for, or authorize, clean-up services.

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3. Requesting Agency Responsibilities

- Provide incident command including an incident action plan that identifies desired outcome with objectives to be met.
- Provide all logistical needs.
- Provide at least one engine company with a minimum of three people trained in decontamination per the standards of Hazardous Materials First Responder.
- Establish a communications plan identifying appropriate radio frequencies.
- Broadcast important information to the team while enroute, including:
  - Radio frequencies to be used by the team
  - Travel route restrictions
  - Critical hazard information
  - Unique circumstances

4. Cost Recovery

This policy provides for the recovery of costs from hazardous materials incidents from both within and outside the fire district. To that end, the following applies:

- The agency requesting the hazardous materials response team will be responsible for all actual direct costs of team response.
- Actual costs will include the cost of operating the van, staffing, logistical needs, equipment, and disposable supplies.
- The first hour of an incident will be provided at no cost to the requesting agency. However, if cost recovery is pursued by the requesting agency, the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District is to be reimbursed for all actual costs including the first hour. Administrative fees should be included if cost recovery is pursued to cover billing costs.
- This fire district recognizes the complexity of hazardous materials incidents and associated administrative challenges. District staff will assist agencies that utilize the team with documentation for cost recovery.

5. Training

Training sessions will be provided to requesting agencies at no charge. Any potential requesting agency is encouraged to participate in training with the hazardous materials response team. This will familiarize personnel with the equipment and operations utilized by the team.

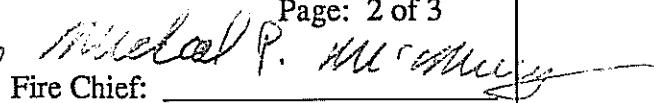
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Particular attention will be focused on decontamination procedures for engine companies. It is imperative that first responding engine companies are aware of the intricacies of decontamination procedures.

Agencies should contact the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District training officer to schedule training sessions.