

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES	ARTICLE: II	SOP: 2403
	SECTION: 2400	RESPONSE PROCEDURES
	SUBJECT: LEVELS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS	

Purpose: To give the incident commander the criteria to determine the level of the incident and what notifications need to be made at each different level.

Scope: At every HazMat incident an appropriate level of response needs to be determined by the incident commander. Notification needs and outside agency responses will vary at each level.


Procedure:

1. Level I Incident

A Level I incident is a minor incident that can normally be handled with a single engine company response. Support response may be required to assist the engine company. Environmental Health should be notified of the nature and amount of product involved, but will not respond unless the incident commander requests their assistance.

2. Level II Incident

A Level II incident is defined as the release of any quantity of an *unknown* solid, liquid, or gaseous material. An incident where there is a release of known materials that is beyond the capabilities of the first responders will be considered a Level II incident. All gases, with the exception of minor natural gas releases, will be considered toxic and requires Level II notification. If the incident threatens human life, the environment, or property, the incident commander shall notify NetCom to activate the hazardous materials response plan. County Environmental Health will respond to *all* Level II incidents. NetCom will make appropriate notifications based on information given by the incident commander.

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3. Level III Incident

A Level III incident is a local emergency and/or disaster. The incident has escalated beyond the capabilities of the local agencies. A Level III release or *threatened* release is the worst case scenario requiring a major command management structure and comprehensive commitment of resources. It may require the activation of the Emergency Operations Center, either City or County, based on jurisdiction.

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