

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES	ARTICLE: II	SOP: 2702
	SECTION: 2700 INCIDENT COMMAND FIREGROUND OPERATIONS	
	SUBJECT: STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL PRIORITIES FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS	

Purpose: In order to meet the established strategic priorities of protection of life, environment, and property, all hazardous materials incidents will be managed using a standardized tactical approach.

Scope: It is imperative that all personnel from the first-in engine company to the incident commander approach an incident with similar considerations for public and personnel safety, and have the ability to recognize what immediate problems are presented by the incident. Additionally, it will be necessary to initiate preventive measures to meet the strategic priorities.

Procedure:

1. Immediate Concerns

Immediate concerns are the *strategic* plans focused on **stabilizing** the emergency and the initiation of **preventive** measures with available resources.

Examples:

- Protecting life safety or preventing further loss of life
- Protecting the environment or preventing further pollution
- Protecting exposures or preventing further property damage
- Preventing ignition explosion, or spread of fire
- Preventing spread or further spread of spilled materials
- Maintaining the separation of incompatible materials

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2. Primary Objectives

Primary objectives are the *tactical* actions that responders can accomplish safely in order to execute the basic strategic plan.

Examples:

- Isolate the incident scene and deny entry
- Attempt to classify or identify the product
- Evacuate the immediate vicinity and areas downwind
- Stop product flow or contain spilled materials
- Eliminate ignition sources or production of vapors
- Contain and extinguish fire
- Cool exposures containers, buildings, and other property
- Separate incompatible materials
- Notify appropriate agencies
- Request specialized assistance

It will be the incident commander's responsibility to develop *written* action plans identifying the immediate concerns and the primary objectives. These written plans will be done on an ICS 202 form, *Incident Objectives*, and be retained as documentation.

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