

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES	ARTICLE: II	SOP: 2703
	SECTION: 2700 INCIDENT COMMAND FIREGROUND OPERATIONS	
	SUBJECT: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES	

Purpose: To establish the roles and responsibilities of fire district personnel at the scene of hazardous materials incidents, and to outline the roles that other local agencies may have.

Scope: The management of a hazardous materials incident is a partnership of federal, state, county, city, fire district, and private industry. Each partner is specifically designated by statute to be responsible for certain prescribed actions at a HazMat incident. The Scotts Valley Fire Protection District's responsibility centers on scene management, assessing the hazard, notification of appropriate agencies, identification, containment, and providing the necessary interim measures to minimize the effect of a hazardous condition on people, the environment, and property.

Procedure:


Responsibilities:

1. First-Arriving Engine Company

The first-arriving engine company is responsible for providing initial size-up, initiating the Incident Command System (ICS), initiating strategic priorities (protection of life and property), initiating tactical priorities (isolate and deny entry, identify the problem, contain if possible, etc.), and requesting additional resources if needed.

2. Incident Commander

The incident commander is responsible for formulating an action plan consisting of incident objectives based on the strategic priorities of protection of life, the environment, and property. The incident commander will establish a command post, call for additional resources as necessary, provide for a safety officer, establish the level of the incident, and coordinate command activities with representatives from

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other agencies. The incident commander will expand the command team to the level appropriate for a given incident. A post incident analysis shall be conducted by the incident commander with all participating agencies and personnel.

3. Hazardous Materials Team

The Scotts Valley Fire Protection District HazMat team provides technical assistance to the incident commander and is responsible for assessment of the immediate hazard and, under direction of the incident commander, conduct/coordinate measures to minimize and contain the hazards.

4. County Environmental Health

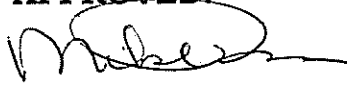
A deputy health officer will respond to the scene of all on-land HazMat releases, Level II and Level III, and to any Level I incident on request. He/she will assist with identification of unknown substances, recommend actions to reduce health hazards, order and oversee cleanup, and determine final closure of the incident. Environmental Health will not clean up materials, but will assist with final determination as to who is responsible and what action should be taken.

5. California Highway Patrol (CHP)

The CHP will function as the incident commander for any hazardous materials incidents within their recognized jurisdictions, which includes all state highways, right-of-ways, and roadways in unincorporated areas of the county. Incidents that escalate to a level involving multiple state agencies, the CHP will be the state agency coordinator for on-highway incidents.

6. California Department of Fish and Game (DFG)

The DFG will provide support and technical assistance to any incident that threatens fish and wildlife. They will fulfill the lead role in determining the completion of cleanup when natural resources are threatened. The DFG will be the state agency coordinator for off-highway incidents.

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7. Scotts Valley Police Department

The Scotts Valley police will provide traffic control, perimeter security, and assist with evacuations on incidents within the city. They will work in a unified command with the fire district when an incident presents a threat to the city, and will represent the city in matters related to fiscal impact to the city.

8. Scotts Valley City Public Works

The City Public Works Department can be notified by the police department to assist with incidents on city streets. They can provide loaders, trucks, sand, etc. They will also take fuel oils that are cleaned from city streets to the corporation yard.

9. Santa Cruz County Sheriff

The Sheriff's Department will conduct crowd control in the unincorporated areas, and also conduct evacuations of the public in endangered areas. In cases that involve criminal activities such as drug labs or illegal dumping of materials, the sheriff's office will conduct criminal investigations and assist with prosecution.

10. Caltrans

Within the state highway right-of-way, they are responsible for restoration of contaminated highways and will contract with cleanup companies to assist with clean up.

11. County Public Works Department

When notified of a HazMat incident on a county-maintained road, Public Works can respond and assist with barricades and rerouting of traffic. In safe conditions, they can assist with absorbents and diking. They will be the county agency to order a cleanup contractor to restore county roads.

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12. Santa Cruz County Narcotics Enforcement Team (SCCNET)

Drug lab incidents will require SCCNET and Environmental Health response. These two agencies, through prearranged agreements, will determine cleanup and mitigation after emergency operations have ceased.

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