


<b>SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT</b>		
<b>STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES</b>	<b>ARTICLE: II</b>	<b>SOP: 2404</b>
	<b>SECTION: 2400</b>	<b>RESPONSE PROCEDURES</b>
	<b>SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RELEASE</b>	

**Purpose:** To establish guidelines to determine the level of response to various hazardous materials incidents.

**Scope:** Due to the variety of types of hazardous materials and the fact that different levels of incidents will require different responses, the incident commander shall have the authority to determine response within the following criteria.

**Procedure:**

1. Minimum Response
  - A. The response to small fuel spills shall be the engine company of jurisdiction as identified in response procedure SOP 2404. The company officer shall determine if more resources are needed and request additional resources as necessary.
  - B. For reports of incidents that do not indicate immediate threat to life, environment, or property, the minimum response shall be one (1) engine company and the duty chief. The incident commander's objectives shall include isolating the incident, attempt identification if possible, and requesting additional resources as needed. The incident commander will notify NetCom of the level of incident and request additional resources if needed.
2. Level II and Level III Incidents
  - A. If any of the above incidents escalates to one of these levels, or if dispatch information indicates a threat to public safety, or the threat of imminent danger from a threatened release, the response should be as follows:
    - 1) Two (2) engine companies and the duty chief will respond on initial dispatch. This may require the duty chief requesting an "all call" to alert the second company if pre-arrival conditions given by NetCom warrant an expanded response.

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3. In District Hazardous Materials Team Response
  - A. At the request of the incident commander, an "all call" will request response of off-duty team members to station one. When three team members can staff the van it will respond to the scene. Additional arriving team members will remain in station one until given an assignment from the scene. This may include response to the scene to assist or may be station coverage. On-duty personnel who are on the HazMat Team will remain with their engine company until relieved or replaced by the incident commander.
  - B. When the response van is enroute to an incident, the incident commander should communicate to the response team any information or details of the incident. The cellular phone or a face-to-face contact at the command post will keep radio traffic to a minimum.

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