

		<p>MUKWONAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>OPERATING PROCEDURES</p>	
Incident Procedures for Haz-Mat Incidents		Approved by: Chief Jeffrey A. Rolfe	
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PURPOSE: To establish procedures for maximizing firefighter and EMS personnel safety when responding and dealing with incidents involving hazardous materials.

SCOPE: This procedure is to be followed by all officers and members of this department. Authority to deviate from this procedure rests with the officer in charge who will be responsible for the results of any deviations.

A. RESPONSE

1. Apparatus response shall be according to the type of dispatch.
2. Any first responder may be placed in a compromised situation if it is determined that this is a hazardous materials call and does not have the proper protection. Any first responder should approach all incidents with due caution.
3. All apparatus shall stop approximately 2,000 feet from the incident. At this time, the incident commander will size-up and gather as much information as available.
4. At this distance, if the incident commander senses no problems at the scene the incident commander shall send one engine closer to the scene to evaluate further. This engine crew, including the apparatus driver shall be in full protective clothing and SCBA.
5. If the incident commander senses that the scene is unsafe, they shall notify E & K to assist in the mitigation of the incident.

B. ON SCENE

1. The initial engine company on scene will relay all information to the incident commander at the command post. If the situation and the scene are determined safe, then the incident commander will send only the number of apparatus and personnel closer to the scene.

2. If a hazardous materials situation exists, personnel on the scene are not expected to take any actions other than to recognize that a hazard exists and secure the area. The incident commander shall notify E & K for their trained personnel to respond.
3. If a hazardous materials situation arises after responding to an emergency call (fire or EMS), personnel on the scene shall evacuate immediately.

MUKWONAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL SHALL RESPOND ONLY AT AN AWARENESS LEVEL. THE SAFETY OF OUR PERSONNEL SHALL COME FIRST.

Chief of Department