

RESPONSE TO HAZARDUS MATERIALS

PURPOSE:

- To establish a standardized operating guideline that increases the safety of personnel and civilians when encountering a hazardous materials situation.

GUIDELINE:

- At any incident where there is a possibility of a Hazardous Materials situation, our top priority shall be to minimize any danger to all personnel and the public. If lives are not immediately in danger, we shall:
 - Approach from up hill and up wind
 - Attempt to identify the substance from a safe distance
 - Placards / NFPA 701
 - Shipping Papers
 - Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
 - Control Access to the Area
 - Evacuate as needed
 - Notify properly trained personnel to control the situation.
- **Our operation is to evaluate, evacuate, contact and stand by.**
- Our personnel shall not be directly involved in the control of any hazardous materials situation unless:
 - The material is known and is in small amounts
 - Gasoline and other fluids at MVC;s
 - The operation is determined to be safe by an Officer in Charge and does not require the use of:
 - SCBA
 - Specialized Suits
- In larger spills department personnel may assist with diking or placing booms as long as the above criteria is meet