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# DAYTON, OHIO REGIONAL HAZ-MAT RESPONSE TEAM NEWSLETTER

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## Basics—Don't Forget Them

In this issue we will review basic operations at Haz-Mat incidents. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in our advanced and Technician level operations that we may forget the basics.

**Protecting the Environment** is one of our top priorities at a Haz Mat incident. A Haz Mat scene is similar to a fire scene—at the outset we will always address the life safety issues. After rescues are made and the threat to potential victims has been considered and handled we must now evaluate the threat to the environment. Our waterways are a great natural resource and if we do not protect them we can impact the quality of life for ourselves along with our children and grandchildren. By preventing the released materials from entering waterways we are protecting our drinking water and the aquatic life that may inhabit these bodies of water. Out of sight should not mean out of mind.

How do we protect these important resources?

- Use whatever is available to dam, dike and prevent chemicals from entering storm drains, drainage ditches, creeks, streams and rivers.
- If product has entered any of the above waterways, attempt to limit the spread. Use booms or build underflow or overflow dams.
- Contact Ohio EPA when products enter waterways or are released on the ground that may enter a waterway.

- Any spill into a waterway should be reported, and a spill of 25 gallons or greater on the ground should be reported to Ohio EPA at 800-282-9378. If in doubt, call.

## Haz-Mat 3

**Haz-Mat 3** is now in quarters at Beaver Creek FD Station 1. This is our previous Haz-Mat 1 vehicle and is equipped with a wide variety of equipment. This vehicle is a back-up to our first out units at Dayton Fire Department. To activate a response for the Haz Mat Team continue to contact the Coordinator—do not contact the Beaver Creek Fire Department.

## Exercise

On August 27 we will be participating in a drill at the Post Office on East Fifth Street. This will be a functional exercise to evaluate all parties' operations if the Biological Detection System (BDS) were to activate. The drill will last from 0800-1400 hours. Training credit will be earned by Team members who participate. Please contact the Coordinator for further details.

## Training

### August Training

This month's training will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> at the Dayton Fire Training Center on McFadden Avenue off of Springfield Street. 0900-1200 hours each day.

The evening session on the 18<sup>th</sup> will be conducted at the **NEW BEAVERCREEK FIRE DEPT. STATION 1** 2195 Dayton-Xenia Rd. at Orchard Lane from 1830-2130 hours. We will be reviewing the vehicles and equipment carried.

## **2005 Training Schedule**

### **August 18-19-20**

0900-1200 hours at DFD Station 11

#### **August 18**

1830-2130 hours at *Beavercreek FD  
NEW Station 1*

### **September 15-16-17**

0900-1700 hours

No Thurs. PM Training

### **October 20-21-22**

0900-1200 hours

#### **October 20**

1830-2130 hours

### **November 17-18-19**

0900-1200 hours

#### **November 17**

1830-2130 hours

### **December**

No Training