



DAYTON, OHIO REGIONAL HAZ-MAT RESPONSE TEAM NEWSLETTER

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Team Communications Policy

Purpose

The purpose of the *Communications Policy* is to insure fire departments and emergency services personnel are able to secure assistance from the Team whenever and wherever needed. This policy has also been established to provide direction in contacting Team members when needed to respond to the scene of an incident in support of the duty crew personnel who may need assistance. This assistance may be required do to the hazards of the situation or the complexity of the incident.

■ **Types of Assistance Available:**

Consultation is available to all communities for information pertaining to handling, storage and use of Hazardous Materials within its boundaries. The Coordinator is always willing to meet with agencies for site pre-plans and familiarization with specific fixed facilities and transport companies in their jurisdiction.

Consultation for dealing with accidental releases and spills is always available to the local fire department. For law enforcement and other agencies, please keep in mind during Hazardous Materials incidents the Fire Chief or his/her designate in the jurisdiction where the emergency exists is responsible for coordination of all on-scene activities. For this reason and the fact that the Team really works for the Fire Chiefs, fire departments should be requesting consultation or any other type of assistance needed at the scene. For a

consultation at an emergency scene, attempt to contact the Team Coordinator first. If the Coordinator is not available, contact the Duty Officer at Dayton Fire Department Station 11.

Coordinator response to the scene is an option to assist the On-Scene Incident Commander with necessary notifications and offer advice in the decision-making process as needed and requested by the I. C.

Haz-Mat Unit response to the scene is an option to assist the local fire department with any number of tasks, including and up to the mitigation of the incident utilizing Level A chemical protective clothing.

Training is available from the Coordinator. If you would like a presentation to your department or staff, contact the Coordinator.

The goal for the Team in providing any assistance is to bring all incidents to a safe conclusion with a minimum negative impact on the environment and property.

■ **Securing Assistance:**

To secure assistance in any manner, please use the following procedure.

I. CONTACTING THE COORDINATOR

The most direct and immediate method is via pager: 937-334-3660.

1. If the request is an emergency, follow the call-back number with 911.

2. If your call is not returned in a reasonable time, call his cell phone at 937-901-5112.

II. HAZ-MAT EMERGENCY IN PROGRESS

1. Contact the Coordinator via pager or cell phone as outlined above.
2. Preliminary assessment for strategic and tactical plan can begin here.

III. IF THE COORDINATOR IS UNAVAILABLE?

1. Contact the Dayton Fire Dispatcher: 937-333-FIRE.
2. Request connection with Station 11 Haz-Mat Captain stating an emergency.
3. Give status report to the Duty Captain.

IV. WHAT IF STATION 11 HAZ-MAT PERSONNEL ARE UNAVAILABLE?

1. Contact WPAFB FD Dispatcher, 937-257-1117, and request a Haz-Mat officer.

■ **Member Notification**

A *Communicator System* is used to activate Team members.

Training

Forty Hour Technician Class

A *40 hour Haz-Mat Technician Class* will be held on January 7, 8, 14 & 15, 2006. The class will be held at Sugarcreek Twp. FD on Clys Rd. Please contact the Coordinator for additional information. All new members who are not Technician certified are encouraged to attend this course.

October Training

This month's training will be held on the 17th, 18th, and 19th at the Dayton Fire Training Center on McFadden Avenue off of Springfield Street. 0900-1200 hours each day. The evening session on the 19th will be conducted at BEAVERCREEK FIRE DEPT. STATION 1, 2195 Dayton-Xenia Rd. at Orchard Lane, from 1830-2130 hours. We will be reviewing the use, care and maintenance of equipment.

2005 Training Schedule

November 17-18-19

0900-1200 hours

November 17

1830-2130 hours

December

No Training