

Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guidelines

SUBJECT: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

SOG 1101

PURPOSE: To identify items concerning hazardous materials spills incidents which affect fire response strategy.

SCOPE: Develop response strategies which recognize hazards and conditions presented at hazardous materials spills incidents. This policy shall apply to all members of the Egg Harbor Fire Department.

DEFINITIONS: Hazardous Materials: A material or materials accidentally released from the original container and used in a manner not originally intended. Hazardous materials include materials that are unintentionally contaminated or mixed with other chemicals, or involved some outside reactive source such as heat, light, liquids, shock, or pressure.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT:

A. All incidents involving hazardous materials will be managed using the departments Incident Command System.

B. To assist in the development of a safe, effective response to a haz-mat incident, the following six part guideline is provided.

1. Hazard Identification.

Recognize and identify the presence of a hazardous material.

2. Action Plan.

Evaluate the situation by determining what you are going to do, immediate and long term needs, and who is in charge.

3. Zoning.

Control the risk by establishing a restricted zone, limited access zone, and support zone.

4. Managing the Incident.

Establish the necessary incident command structure to handle the emergency.

5. Assistance.

Determine additional resources needed including, Emergency Government, more fire companies, haz-mat response team, technical assistance, or private contractors.

6. Termination.

Assess what is needed to conclude the incident such as clean-up, decontamination, physical exams, rehabilitation and post-incident analysis.

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