

# Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue

## **OPERATING PROCEDURE**

No. 402

### **Hazardous Materials Response and Reporting**

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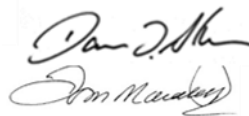
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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this directive is to provide support and technical assistance to manage and mitigate hazardous materials emergencies.

## **SCOPE**

This operating procedure applies to all Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management personnel as well as the Fauquier County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and its associated departments.

## **I. IDENTIFICATION**

Response units will attempt to identify the material, spilled or leaking, observing all recognized safety standards. Methods may include use of local and regional Hazardous Materials Units in addition to other available information (i.e., placards, bill of lading, vehicle identification numbers, tank configuration and size, properties and reactions of material involved or recognized reference sources) and/or responsible parties on scene.

## **II. CONFINEMENT**

- A. When encountering hazardous materials, it is expected that all personnel will exercise due caution and follow response guidelines established by the department and practices as defined by NFPA 472 and Hazmat Operations.
- B. It will be the responsibility of the fire rescue units to confine and/or control a release when possible with appropriate consideration for environmental impact, personnel safety and civilian safety.
- C. Containment materials, where appropriate, owned by the department will be used prior to containment materials from other sources.

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### **III. NOTIFICATION – HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OFFICER AND FIRE MARSHAL**

- A. Upon arrival at an incident involving the uncontrolled release or potential uncontrolled release of a hazardous material from its container into the environment, the incident officer shall notify, or have the ECC notify the Hazardous Materials Officer and Fire Marshal.
- B. The incident officer can contact the Hazardous Materials Officer by phone for technical advice and assistance with local and state resources that may be needed to mitigate the incident. The incident officer can also request the response of the Hazardous Materials Officer through the ECC to provide on scene coordination of remediation.

### **IV. SPILL REPORTING**

- A. When to notify the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (800-468-8892):
  - 1. Any oil spills of 25 gallons or more or of an unknown quantity to land.
  - 2. Any oil or chemical spill to surface water.
  - 3. Any other hazmat spill to land.
- B. When to notify Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (703-583-3800):
  - 1. Oil spills to land between 25 and 100 gallons.

### **V. DOCUMENTATION**

- A. The incident officer can provide the responsible party with the Hazardous Materials Discharge Notification Requirements for Responsible Parties pamphlet (FRF942). The responsible party is the person or company from which the release originated or the person who caused the release and will be responsible for the costs associated with the remediation of the incident. The responsible party will contact a clean-up company if they do not already have one on contract. The Hazardous Materials Officer will ensure proper remediation and disposal.
- B. At the conclusion of the incident, the incident officer shall complete the Hazardous Materials Worksheet, Involved Parties, and Equipment tabs in Image Trend when completing a fire incident report. The Image Trend reporting system will be used to facilitate the recovery of costs incurred during hazardous material incidents.

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