

JORDAN VALLEY EMS AUTHORITY POLICY

POLICY #:202.2.1.7

SUBJECT: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE

CAAS STANDARD: 202.2.1.

SCOPE: ALL EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

PURPOSE:

To ensure that all employees are informed regarding potential hazardous materials situations and to ensure they respond in an appropriate manner.

POLICY:

When responding on calls, crews should think about all possible hazards including hazardous materials. All employees shall follow the procedures set forth in this policy to assure the safety of all involved. When dealing with any possible hazardous material incidents, extreme caution should be taken at all times, and keep in mind, that the safety of employees and those working with them are the top priority. No employee should ever perform any task outside the procedures set forth in this policy and/or the level of his/her own training.

Potential hazardous material sites and responses:

1. Industrial sites
2. Agricultural sites
3. Rail yards
4. Ship yards
5. Transportation accidents including motor vehicle, air, rail or ship
6. Gas and electric plants, distribution centers, or substations
7. Retail centers (especially hardware stores and home centers)
8. Automotive service centers

The D.E.C.I.D.E. process

1. **Determine** if a Haz-Mat condition exists
 - a. Attempt to gather additional information from dispatch, fire, police, etc. prior to arrival.
 - b. Look for placards or evidence of product release.
 - c. Question bystanders.
2. **Estimate** harm
 - a. Size and location.
 - b. Exposures present.
 - c. Immediate injuries.
 - d. Hazard or health risk to surrounding area.
 - e. Choose objectives
3. **Call** for support services
 - a. Fire, Police, (Haz-Mat team through the supervisor), etc.
4. **Identify** options
 - a. What actions might be done safely?
5. **Do** best options
 - a. **Do NOT** do any options that might endanger yourself or others. This may delay or prevent rescue, treatment, and transportation
6. **Evaluate** your progress

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. The Authority is not a hazardous material response services and employees will not engage in activities associated with hazardous response teams while working for the Authority or responding to situation on behalf of the Authority.
2. The Authority may employ personnel that may be members of an agency that engages in hazardous responses and there will have additional hazardous material training. Such individuals are NOT exempt from the previous paragraph.

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3. When responding to a hazardous materials incident, personnel will report to the incident commander and take direction from the IC or their designee.
4. When transporting a patient involved in a hazardous materials incident, the crew will secure reasonable assurances from decontamination personnel on scene that the patient has been decontaminated for transport
5. The ambulance crew shall return to the scene upon completion of transporting any patients and report back to the incident commander or his designee for further assignments and the possible need for decontamination.
6. The EMS crew or vehicle will not return to normal service until such time as it is determined there is no threat of cross contamination or the crew, vehicle and contents have been adequately decontaminated.

POLICY HISTORY:

Implemented February 1, 2015

Reviewed