

BLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY OPERATING GUIDELINE

1.16 INCIDENT RESPONSE - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1.16.1.1 The officer of the first responding apparatus, or the responding Chief officer, shall attempt to obtain as much information as possible about the incident prior to response and/or arrival, including:

- Material(s) involved, and DOT guide number.
- Situation surrounding incident.
- Wind speed and direction, if required.

1.16.2 While enroute, the IC shall plan approach to area so apparatus shall arrive uphill and upwind if possible.

1.16.3 Apparatus officers shall reference DOT guidebook, NFPA guidebooks, Right to Know manual, and building preplans, where applicable.

1.16.4 Upon arrival, all apparatus and members shall stay clear of location until situation status is confirmed.

1.16.5 The IC shall:

- Establish command.
- Appoint a Safety Officer
- Establish division and group commands as necessary.
- Attempt to verify situation conditions visually, using binoculars if necessary.
- Attempt to gather information from all available sources (police officers, driver and occupants of involved vehicle, witnesses).
- Ensure necessary traffic control, scene security, and evacuation measures are initiated and coordinated with PD and/or OEM.
- Advise Camden County of conditions and request appropriate level of response (where necessary), and provide information for CHEMTREC assistance (where necessary).
- Maintain time stamped log of actions taken, agencies notified, and materials expended.
- Obtain name, address, and phone number of owner, operator, shipper or carrier for scene

remediation and expended material reimbursement. Homeowners or business insurance information should also be obtained if available.

- *Take actions to prevent further damage including; diking spills, plugging leaks, isolation of valves, application of water streams for vapor dispersion or vessel cooling, where indicated.

*** THE ABOVE ACTIONS SHALL ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN BY MEMBERS TRAINED IN THESE SKILLS, AND ONLY WITH CORRECT CHEMICAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.**

- Establish control points for entrance to contaminated areas.
- Establish holding area for contaminated personnel, victims and equipment.
- Upon arrival of requested response agencies, coordinate actions of this Company through qualified response personnel.

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