

## **BLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY OPERATING GUIDELINE**

### **1.16 INCIDENT RESPONSE - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

- 1.16.1 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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