

SOUTH PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

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Title:	Hazmat Incident Command	# of pages:	2
Category:	Hazardous Materials Response	Classification:	Red

1. **PURPOSE:** To assure that all hazmat responses are handled in a similar manner per NIMS and department incident management policies.
2. **PROCEDURES:** At any hazmat incident an incident management system will be established using normal department policies and following the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Any Hazmat event that rises to a Level 2 response should have the following positions established:

- Incident/Unified Command
- Safety Officer
- Hazmat Officer
- Decon Officer
- EMS Branch/Group Officer

Note: Due to the scope and size of events some of these positions may be held by the same person (i.e. IC & Safety Officer)

As the incident progresses the IC should be mindful of span of control and personnel should be assigned the following positions. Once assigned they should retrieve their assigned clipboard, review and complete the material contained inside the clipboard, and don their ICS vest:

- Incident Command
- Safety Officer
- Operations Chief
- Logistic Chief
- Planning Chief
- Hazmat Officer
- Decon Officer

Additionally the following positions should be filled and ICS vests donned:

- Public Information Officer
- Medical Group
- Rehab Officer
- Manpower Officer
- Staging Officer
- Accountability Officer

A large-scale event that may potentially last more than one operational period should have all the ICS positions filled. Incident command should move to an Incident Command Post (ICP) with his Section Chiefs (including Operations) and begin the planning stages for the next operational period. Section Chief Deputies, such as Operations, may need to be designated to ensure operations at the scene continue smoothly. As part of this planning a focus should be on staffing needs for the next operational period, not just command level but responders.

3. REFERENCES:

- None

By Order Of:



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