

3.4.1.5 Hazardous Materials Specialist



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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES

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1.0 POLICY REFERENCE

CFR

NFPA

NIMS

2.0 PURPOSE

This standard operating procedure/guideline addresses Hazardous Materials Specialists.

3.0 SCOPE

This SOP/SOG pertains to all personnel in this organization.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

These definitions are pertinent to this SOP/SOG.

5.0 PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

5.1 Hazardous Materials Specialists:

Respond with and support hazardous materials technicians. Possess specialized knowledge of chemical hazards or container characteristics.

Description of Duties

The Hazardous Materials Specialist is responsible for:

- Providing ongoing monitoring of local environmental conditions during task force operations.
- Providing an initial and ongoing survey for and identification of the presence of hazardous materials at search and rescue sites.
- Implementing defensive mitigation practices when indicated.
- Directing emergency decontamination procedures for any task force member or victim.
- Providing assistance to medical personnel for information regarding chemical exposure and injuries.
- Documenting all related information.
- Adhering to all safety procedures.
- Accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued equipment.
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned during a mission.
- Ensuring MSDS are provided for all hazardous materials carried or used by the task force.
- Ensuring all specialized equipment is maintained and calibrated according to the manufacturers specifications.