FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

ARTICLE: II SOP: 2404

SECTION: 2400 Response Procedures

SUBJECT: Hazardous Material Incidents

PURPOSE: To provide for the standardization of apparatus and personnel assignments for Hazardous Material Incidents.

SCOPE: All personnel.

PROCEDURE:

1. Felton Fire District follows the policies of the Santa Cruz County Fire Chief’s Association. Attached to this SOP are the formation documents of the Santa Cruz Hazardous Materials Incident Team (SCHMIT).
2. The level and scope of the hazardous material incident is dependent on circumstances of the given incident. If the release of hazardous material is large in scale or the material is unidentified or beyond the capabilities of the Felton Fire District, two contacts must be made. First, have SCHMIT activated and responding to the scene. Second, notify County Environmental Health and request a response. If the incident is on a roadway and the material has entered a storm drain, State agencies, such as Fish and Game, CHP and Cal Trans must be notified.
3. Small amounts of material, such as motor fluids, may be picked up with absorbent material and placed in a proper container for disposal.
4. When SCHMIT is called to assist, Felton Fire apparatus and personnel may be called upon to assist with procedures such as decontamination.
5. As a general rule, isolate and deny entry into the area where the hazardous material incident is occurring. Position apparatus and personnel up hill and up wind from the incident. If possible, consult the Emergency Response Guidebook. This is an orange colored book and can be found in the glove box of every Felton Fire vehicle.

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