

FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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SECTION 2700

**INCIDENT COMMAND/
FIREGROUND OPERATIONS**

SUBJECT:

**INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEMS FOR
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS**

PURPOSE:

To establish the roles and responsibilities of Fire District personnel at the scene of hazardous materials incidents, and to outline the roles that other local agencies may have.

SCOPE:

The management of a hazardous materials incident is a partnership of Federal, State, County, City, Fire District, and private industry. Each partner is specifically designated by statute to be responsible for certain prescribed actions at a Haz-Mat incident. The Felton Fire Protection District's responsibility centers on scene management, assessing the hazard, notification of appropriate agencies, identification, containment, and providing the necessary interim measures to minimize the effect of a hazardous condition on people, the environment, and property.

PROCEDURE:

RESPONSIBILITIES

FIRST ARRIVING ENGINE COMPANY

The first arriving company is responsible for providing initial size-up, initiating the Incident Command System, initiating strategic priorities, (protection of life and property), initiating tactical priorities, (isolate and deny entry, identify the problem, contain if possible, etc.), and requesting additional resources if needed.

INCIDENT COMMANDER

The Incident Commander, (I.C.), is responsible for formulating an Action Plan consisting of Incident Objectives based on the strategic priorities of protection of life, the environment, and property. The I.C. will establish a Command Post, call for additional resources as necessary, provide for a Safety Officer, establish the level of the incident, and coordinate Command activities with representatives from other agencies. The I.C. will expand the Command Team to the level appropriate for a given incident. A post incident analysis shall be conducted by the I.C. with all participating agencies and personnel.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM

The Scotts Valley Protection District Haz-Mat Team provides technical assistance to the I.C. and is responsible for assessment of the immediate hazard and , under direction of the I.C., conduct/coordinate measures to minimize and contain the hazards. If Scotts Valley Fire's Haz-Mat Team is unavailable, the City of Watsonville Fire Department's Haz-Mat team may be called.

COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

A Deputy Health Officer will respond to the scene of all on-land Haz-Mat releases, Level II and III, and to any Level I incidents on request. They will assist with identification of unknown substances, recommend actions to reduce health hazards, order and oversee clean-up, and determine final closure of the incident. Environmental Health will not clean up materials but will assist with final determination as to who is responsible and what action should be taken.

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

The CHP will function as the Incident Commander for any Hazardous Materials Incidents within their recognized jurisdictions which includes all State Highways, right of ways, and roadways in unincorporated areas of the County. Incidents that escalate to a level involving multiple state agencies, CHP will be the state agency coordinator for on highway incidents.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

The California Department of Fish and Game, (DFG) , will provide support and technical assistance to any incident that threatens fish and wildlife. They will fulfill the lead role in determining the completion of cleanup when natural resources are threatened. DFG will be the state agency coordinator for off-highway incidents.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff deputies will provide traffic control, perimeter security, and assist with evacuations. They will work in a unified command with the Fire District when an incident presents a threat to the County.