

I. Scope

This standard defines the parameters of Hiawatha Fire and Rescue's efforts to manage the hazardous material problem within the community, both before and after the incident.

It was created to:

- A. Establish a program to identify occupancies that store, use, manufacture, or distribute hazardous materials in an effort to prevent incidents from occurring that could potentially involve a hazardous material; and
- B. Establish guidelines to be followed by the department for managing an incident that involves hazardous materials.

II. General

- A. The potential always exists within the community for an incident to occur that involves one or more hazardous materials. The frequency of occurrence and the fiscal resources of the city do not, however, allow the department to operate beyond the first – responder operational level as defined by NFPA 472, *Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents*.
- B. At the operational level, members are responsible for protecting people, property, and the environment from the effects of hazardous materials. Members will operate in a defensive role to contain the incident and prevent a release of hazardous materials from spreading.
- C. After the incident the incident commander has secured the scene, a private vendor or local hazardous material teams (Linn County HazMat, CRFD HazMat) shall be called to the incident to control the incident and clean up the site.
- D. A private vendor may be provided by the party responsible for the incident; otherwise, the department will contact a contractor
 1. The responsible party shall be billed for all expenses incurred in resolving the incident.

III. Responsibilities

- A. The fire chief shall be responsible for the management and oversight of Hiawatha Fire and Rescue's hazardous materials program and shall be responsible for ensuring that the department is in strict compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations.
- B. The fire chief shall be responsible for:
 1. Identifying businesses and other concerns that are involved in the manufacture, use, storage, or distribution of hazardous materials.

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2. Periodically inspecting these businesses so as to reduce the possibility that an incident might occur.
- C. The fire chief shall equip each apparatus with a pair of binoculars. Rescue 281 shall be equipped with the appropriate manuals and reference materials, portable monitoring devices, and a supply of disposable chemical suits.
- D. The Assistant Chief is responsible for training members to the first – responder operational level as outlined in NFPA 472.