

Hiawatha Fire & Rescue

Policy 302
Hazardous Materials
HazMat Containment and Cleanup
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I. Scope

This standard establishes guidelines for managing the containment and cleanup of a hazardous materials incident.

II. General

A. Containment methods may include but are not limited to:

1. Barriers in soil.
2. Berms and drains.
3. Booms.
4. Dikes.
5. Diverting streams.
6. Overpacked drums or other forms of containerization.
7. Patching or plugging of containers or vessels.
8. Portable catch basins.
9. Reorienting a container.
10. Trenches.

B. Displacement techniques may include but are not limited to:

1. Dispersion/dilution.
2. Excavating.
3. Hydraulic or mechanical dredging.
4. Skimming.
5. Vacuuming.

III. Responsibilities

A. The incident commander, in coordination with the appropriate state or federal officials and local HazMat Team, is responsible for selecting and implementing the appropriate countermeasures to bring a hazardous materials incident to a safe and successful conclusion.

1. Ensuring that temporary storage sites, if necessary, are safe and secure.
2. Ensuring that final disposition is handled at an approved site.

B. The persons responsible for the hazardous materials are responsible for paying the full costs for cleanup and disposal operations.