

HAZMAT RESPONSE

KEY CONSIDERATIONS: HAZMAT PLAN ALSO AVAILABLE

- Approach and park upwind, upgrade, upstream, or at a right angle to the wind whenever possible. Use remote size-up means whenever possible.
- Isolate and Deny Entry.
- Some HAZMAT incidents will not be dispatched as such; be ready to alter the operations and plan of an incident and pull back.
- Remember to notify OERS when required.
- Utilize your DOT ERG; **Guide 111** is your Go-To when all else fails.

PROTOCOL:

1. Stage away whenever possible. Provide arrival report and assume Command.
2. Begin sizing up the scene (only proceeding as far as your training and equipment will allow).
 - Identify involved materials
 - Placards / Container marking / Driver - operator provided information (shipping papers etc.)
 - Current situation
 - Leak /Release status
 - Injuries

3. Isolate the area and deny entry. Initial distance recommendations:

Single drum, not leaking	minimum 150' in all directions.
Single drum, leaking	minimum 500' in all directions.
Tank Car or Truck with BLEVE potential	½ mile in all directions.

4. Communicate isolation distances to incoming units; **especially if it will limit or alter their access to the scene.**
5. Treat all vapor clouds as toxic and handle accordingly.
 - Utilize your 4-gas monitor.
 - Begin weather observations.
6. Contact the HAZMAT duty officer through ECSO.
7. Confirm evacuation of the public is occurring and notify ECSO when complete.
8. Begin to develop a control plan.
9. Assign a safety officer (ideally a member of the HAZMAT team)
10. Coordinate with partner agencies – consider a Unified Command.
 - Mercy, Law, Hospitals, ECSO, Public Works, and Private HAZMAT contractors.
11. Begin to order resources necessary to support the HAZMAT team.
12. First arriving HAZMAT team member consult with IC ASAP.