

# Appendix Z

## HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE

### Procedure:

1. Receiving notification that a person, who has been exposed to hazardous material needs to be transported, the ambulance personal need to contact the department chief of the situation.
2. Reference the DOT Emergency Response Guidebook, Hazardous Material Exposure Book and the NIOSH Guide to Chemical Hazards to obtain information on the hazardous substance.
3. Prepare the oldest ambulance that is readily available by performing the following steps:
  - a) Remove all unnecessary supplies and equipment. Equipment that remains in the ambulance should be covered with plastic to prevent contamination.
  - b) If time allows cover, the interior floor of the patient compartment with plastic cover and tape all seams.
  - c) Prepare plastic bags for patient belongings.
  - d) Provide three EMTs/Paramedics that are appropriately dressed to meet the victim(s) and the hazard.

Note: If weather permits this may be done at the staging area in the field.

4. The crew for transporting the victim(s) will wear personal protective equipment which may include (depending on the nature of the hazard):
  - a) Saranex 23-P Tyvek suit w/hood up over hair
  - b) Latex Response Boot
  - c) Neoprene gloves
  - d) Face shield
  - e) Tape (duct tape) seams between gloves, boots and suit, leave flap of tape for easy removal
  - f) Cover all exposed skin. Most substances are rapidly absorbed through the skin.

Note: If weather permits, this may be done at the staging area in the field.

5. Contact the Regional HAZMAT Team at the scene and find out which direction to enter from. When arriving at the scene, report to the staging area. Do not enter any part of the field that is restricted due to contamination.

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6. The crew that is transporting the victim(s) will do the following;
  - a) Receive victim(s) from the Regional Haz-mat Team after they have been decontaminated (contact can not be made until they have been decontaminated.)
  - b) Place the patient in a hygienic disposable pouch, a lined with blankets to conserve body heat after decontamination
  - c) Contact the receiving hospital and advised them that the victim(s) have been completely decontaminated
  - d) Transport the victim(s) to the hospital after they have been decontaminated in the field
  
7. When all victim(s) have been transported:
  - a) Roll up all visqueen and place it in hazard contamination bags
  - b) Place the unit out of service until released by trained personnel from the Regional Haz-mat Team
  - c) Remove protective clothing:
    - 1) Remove outer gloves
    - 2) Roll down suit from top, leaving suit inside out
    - 3) Remove boots, after removing one boot, place clean shoe into clean area leaving contaminated foot in contaminated area until second boot is removed, then step into clean area
    - 4) Remove face shield
    - 5) Remove inner exam gloves last, placing all in the contaminated area as protective clothing is removed.