

	West Fargo Fire & Rescue Standard Operating Guideline			
	Subject: HAZMAT RESPONSE			Authorized by:
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Intent

The intent of the SOG is to establish procedures for response to hazardous materials incidents.

Definitions

Hot Zone - the area immediately adjacent to the spill or release, intended to be an exclusion zone where personnel operating are in chemical protective clothing (CPC) as determined by NOISH.

Evacuation Area - the area immediately downwind to the incident as determined by the green highlighted tables in the ERG; all unprotected personnel in this area are to be evacuated or ordered to shelter in place.

Warm Zone -the area between the hot and cold zone, to be used exclusively as a decontamination line and safe haven for exposed victims of the incident.

Cold Zone -the area outside of the warm zone; an area not affected by the incident but close enough for equipment staging and the Incident Command Post.

Guideline

The West Fargo Fire Department will respond to all hazardous materials calls within the jurisdiction. Members of the department will perform to the limitations of their training and equipment. Response is dictated by SOG 201-Response to Alarms.

In cases where a large spill or release is encountered, the Incident Commander shall notify Red River Regional Dispatch Center (RRRDC) of the incident and request initial assistance from the Fargo Fire Department as mutual aid. If, in the opinion of the Incident Commander and the Fargo Battalion Chief, the size and scope of the incident is beyond mutual aid, the Incident Commander will direct RRRDC to contact ND State Radio and request a regional response through the Department of Emergency Services. This will ensure that a robust Incident Management System is set up, to include Finance and Administration, to record expenses related to the incident.

The initial arriving officer shall make every attempt to identify the material spilled or released, utilizing the North American Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards. A three zone exclusion area and evacuation zone shall be established.

As with any incident, the three incident priorities dictate initial actions; life safety, incident stabilization and property conservation. See SOG 207-Risk Management for additional guidelines. Fire department personnel will operate within the scope of their training and equipment.