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**Derby Fire Department  
Standard Operating Procedure Number 12  
Hazardous Materials Operations**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1. This standard operating procedure applies to apparatus and members responding to Hazardous Material Assignments. For Haz-Mat operations, the intent of this procedure is to provide general guidelines for operating within the Department's Accountability and Incident Command parameters. Safety for both should always be the number one priority.
- 1.2. The members of the Derby Fire Department shall provide the means to evacuate the people in an effected area establish a safe perimeter and perform tasks up to the level of their training and the level of their Personnel Protective Equipment (P.P.E). These functions cannot be performed if the Department Members become part of the casualty list.

**2. Response Considerations**

- 2.1. The Derby Fire Department and Storm Ambulance Corps will be dispatched according to the Departments Dispatch Protocols.
- 2.2. Seeing that no two Haz-Mat calls are identical the positioning of apparatus will be determined at the time of the incident by the Incident Commander (I.C.).

**3. General Procedures**

- 3.1. A Command Post will be established and all agencies responding will have a representative report to the I.C. and remain in the Command Post. for the duration of the call to be a liaison. The I.C. will contact the D.E.P. and notify them of the situation. Before any action is taken, it must first go thru the Command Post. All communications weather they are verbal, by radio or by telephone will go thru the Command Post.
- 3.2. The I.C. will assign a Safety Officer to oversee all operations and who will report directly to the I.C.
- 3.3. Hot, Warm and Cold zones shall be established and properly marked with barrier tape, no member will enter a specific zone unless that Member has the appropriate training, ID and wearing the appropriate P.P.E.

- 3.4.** If needed a press area will be established and be set up in the Cold zone upwind at a location so the press can have a clear view of the incident if possible. An Information Officer (I.O.) will be appointed. If no I.O. is appointed then the I.C. will assume the task. All information given to the press will come from the I.O.