

**Adams and Jefferson County Hazardous Response Authority
FIELD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

ORGANIZATION

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I. Purpose:

- A. To define the AJCHRA membership.

II. Guideline:

- A. The members of the AJCHRA shall consist of, but are not limited to:
 - 1. The members of fire departments / districts, law enforcement, emergency response agencies and other agencies deemed appropriate within Adams and Jefferson and Broomfield Counties.
- B. Initial staffing for a hazardous materials incident is provided by the on-duty crews at fire stations. These crews consist of personnel from member agencies who staff fire apparatus and rescue units in addition to the Hazmat vehicles with additional support coming from other outlying stations without Authority vehicles as well as volunteer agencies that authorize their personnel to respond to the Hazmat events.
 - 1. Mutual aid will be coordinated with other departments and agencies through the dispatch response protocols at the direction of the Incident Commander and Team Leader.
 - 2. The Board has placed HazMat response vehicles within fire departments in strategic locations with consideration being given to central location, access to highways, industry and staffing which allows immediate response with vehicles and ability to respond both within and outside of their response districts.
 - 3. The initial response to a hazardous materials Level II incident shall include a Command Van (Hazmat 1 or Hazmat 4) and a support truck; Hazmat 2, 3, 5 (support van from West Metro Fire), 6 and/or 7 with personnel to function as a primary response group. Additional Hazardous Materials Response Team Members and vehicles may be included in the initial response if judged necessary by the Team Leader or elevated to a full team response to include all of the above. For special hazard response such as Drug Labs the initial response may be smaller or larger depending on incident needs. (See Appendix H for Drug Lab response guidelines) or Mass Decontamination requiring the use of Decon-1. The primary response from the AJCHRA requires this number of vehicles not necessarily due to the size and or magnitude of the hazardous materials incident but as the primary method to transport technicians to the incident scene.
 - 4. Personnel may be called from mutual aid departments or member agencies may initiate a call-back for additional Hazardous Materials Response Team members. Normally the jurisdiction where the incident is located would initiate call back under the discretion of their Incident Commander. However, member agencies may be asked by the Incident Commander

and the AJCHRA Team Leader to initiate callbacks from their agencies to support the Hazmat Team operation.