

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

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING

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CATEGORY: Response Procedures

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I. Purpose:

- A. To define the AJCHRA Response Procedures.

II. Guideline:

- A. Initial Response to an Incident - The AJCHRA is a resource that can be used in emergencies involving hazardous materials within Adams, Broomfield and Jefferson Counties. When any participating agency or the Jeffcom Communications Center receives a report of a hazardous materials emergency the following actions should be taken:
 - 1. The appropriate Fire and Law Enforcement agencies should be dispatched to the scene to determine the extent of the hazardous materials release (from a safe location and distance).
 - 2. Responders should obtain, confirm, or determine the following information if possible:
 - a) Chemical(s) involved
 - b) Type of vehicle(s)
 - c) Labels or Placards
 - d) Type of leak: (Solid, Liquid, Gas)
 - e) Quantity/volume of chemical(s) involved if known
 - f) Extent, type and number of injuries
 - g) Visible hazards such as: Fire, Chemical cloud traveling toward buildings, Liquid running into storm sewers, etc.
 - h) Additional resources needed to stabilize (not clean-up) the incident. NOTE: clean-up operations will be completed by a private contractor or the spiller if licensed.
 - 3. Notification made through Jeffcom to the on-duty HazMat Officer to classify the incident using the Initial HazMat Response Questionnaire
 - a) HazMat Consultation
 - b) Partial Team Response or specific equipment request
 - c) Full Team Response
 - 4. The collected information should be made available to ALL responding agencies through the Communication Center(s).
 - 5. A Staging Area shall be designated and the location made available to ALL responding agencies through the Communication Center(s).

- B. Response of HAZMAT Units:

1. All HazMat Units shall call into service with the Jeffcom Communication Center on radio talk-group **Red Southwest**. The call-in information is to include the vehicle identifier or “HazMat” number, the number of team members on board and the location responding from. This information is critical to the AJCHRA HazMat Officer to evaluate further resource needs based on incident dynamics.
2. Once on scene, vehicle crews are to notify Jeffcom Dispatch on **Red Southwest** that they have arrived on scene at staging prior to changing to another incident assigned talk group.
3. This process is to be reversed when being released from the incident and returning to home stations
 - a) Unless otherwise specified by dispatch, all radio communications with Jeffcom Dispatch, while in route to and from the location of the incident, shall be on Red Southwest regardless of the location of the incident.

III. References:

- A. Colorado/North Central Region Tactical Interoperable Communications (TIC) Plan**
- B. Initial HazMat Response Questionnaire**