



## General Order Number 29

November 5, 2012

To Officers and Members

Johnson Creek Fire & EMS Department

### **Effective November 5, 2012**

The following shall be our Standard Operating Guideline for safe operations at a hazardous materials and/or terrorism emergency or event. It can be found in the back of each vehicle's DOT Emergency Response Guidebook. This is called *The RESPOND System™*.

#### **R is for "Recognition of a HazMat event"**

Maintain general awareness and vigilance/think like a detective. Look for the unusual or out-of-ordinary/listen to instincts. Look for clues like product releases, victims, signs, locations, devices.

#### **E is for "Emergency System Activation"**

Upon recognition of an event act accordingly. Promptly activate a response by proper notifications. Activate and set-up ICS and appropriate SOG's/SOP's. Communicate what you observe and direct others. Take control, set-up control zones (Hot, Warm, Cold), utilize DOT ERG, initiate resources.

#### **S is for "Surveillance"**

Collect and document data, utilize checklists. Interview witnesses/knowledgeable people on what they saw, felt, smelled. Strive to safely identify released materials by containers, signage, shipping papers. Safely conduct reconnaissance to gather information and data. ***Prevent personal exposures!***

#### **P is for "Plan Strategy and Tactics"**

Based on intelligence, devise a working plan for response actions. Conduct risk/benefit analysis and decide on level of response. Communicate plan to all responders and acquire needed resources.

#### **O is for "Outline Entry Actions and Tasks"**

Identify mitigation options if entry is necessary. Decide on offensive or defensive posture. Follow Hazwoper guidelines if entry is conducted. Decide on confinement vs. containment tactics.

#### **N is for "Nothing leaves until Cleaned"**

All items that were in Hot zone must be assessed for contamination. Consider decon options.

#### **D is for "Documentation and Wrap-up"**

Identify time of incident stabilization and other significant events. Communicate major issues with outside resources. Properly terminate incident and document important issues. Conduct formal session to look at incident and future responses.

This order will take effect and be in force on and after 0700 hours on the date indicated.

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