

# CITY OF ANDERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Anderson, South Carolina

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### I. PURPOSE:

To provide guidelines for officers who respond to or come upon a situation involving Hazardous Materials or CBRN incidents. The officer shall use the following procedures to ensure the most expedient and efficient protection of the scene, and safety of the surrounding area.

### II. DEFINITIONS:

CBRN: Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear.

DESIGNATED EMERGENCY RESPONSE AUTHORITY (DERA): The Anderson County Hazardous Materials Team (HazMat Team) shall be the Designated Emergency Response Authority (DERA) for all hazardous materials incidents occurring in the city of Anderson

HAZMAT: Hazardous Materials

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL: Any waste, substance or other material, alone, mixed with, or in combination with other wastes or materials, which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics: 1) Causes, or significantly contributes to, an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible, illness; or 2) Poses a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of or otherwise improperly managed. Hazardous Material also means any waste, substance, or other material defined as a hazardous waste in the rules and regulations proclaimed pursuant to the federal "Solid Waste Disposal Act" (42 United States Code 3251).

INCIDENT: An occurrence or event, natural or human-caused that requires an emergency response to protect life or property.

INCIDENT COMMANDER: The individual responsible for all incident activities.

ON DUTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COORDINATOR: Any member of the Hazardous Materials Team tasked with the responsibility of coordinating Hazardous Materials Team responses and on scene operations. The Hazmat Coordinator may be reached via pager through the Anderson County Emergency Communications Center.

PPE: Personal Protective Equipment

UNIFIED COMMAND: An application of ICS used when there is more than one agency with incident jurisdiction or when incidents cross political jurisdictions. Agencies work together through the designated members of the unified command to establish a common set of objectives and strategies and a single Incident Action Plan.

### **III. POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Anderson Police Department to support the Anderson County HazMat Team with needed law response for emergencies involving CBRN incidents as well as incidents involving the release of hazardous chemicals or materials whether intentional or accidental that may occur within the city limits of Anderson. Awareness level training is provided to officers every three years. (SCLEA 22.20)

### **IV. PROCEDURE:**

#### **A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INITIAL / PRIMARY OFFICER:**

Upon locating a scene or incident involving hazardous materials or CBRN the initial or primary officer shall respond as follows:

##### **1. Response:**

The primary officer assigned to the call shall respond to the scene using proper response procedures in accordance with police department policy.

Upon arrival, the officer shall size up the incident and attempt to determine nature and extent of the incident.

Request additional officers, fire, EMS and Hazmat personnel based upon an initial size up of the situation.

Advise additional responding officers, resources and EMS units to continue responding emergent, or to utilize normal response procedures

Advise additional responding units and agencies of the command post and staging location as well as a safe route of entry.

##### **2. Responsibilities at the Scene:**

The primary officer shall do the following upon arriving at the scene of an incident:

Approach and position themselves upwind, upstream, and uphill from the incident. Do not approach the immediate hazard, handle, or touch any items or victims.

Observe the scene from a safe distance and remain cognizant of any visible clouds, leaks, spills, odors, vapors, or gases seen or perceived.

From a safe distance observe the locations and conditions of possible victims.

Watch for clues to include, but not limited to: conditions of any vehicle, buildings, or people in the area and/or containers, shape, size, condition, color, markings, placards or labels and/or, condition of animals and foliage.

Consider the possibility of secondary devices or hazards.

known and possible hazards identified.  
Determine exact location of incident and obtain a command channel from the Anderson County Emergency Communications Center.  
Communicate information gathered regarding the incident to the communications center and shift supervisor  
Establish ICS in accordance with APD policy 1701 and assume command of the scene until the arrival of a supervisor or more qualified individual.  
Establish a perimeter and evaluate need to evacuate nearby people or structures.  
Protect the scene, restricting access only to essential / qualified personnel inside the perimeter.  
Identify location of any victims, if possible.  
Establish a central triage area for victims and advise incoming medical units of the location.  
Establish a holding area for contaminated victims and witnesses. Do not attempt to rescue victims within a contaminated area without proper PPE. Verbal instructions may be used to direct ambulatory victims out of the contaminated area into the appropriate holding area.  
Identify witnesses and secure them.  
Maintain command of the scene until the arrival of a supervisor or more qualified individual.  
Transfer command through a complete face to face situation briefing. Notify the Anderson County Emergency Communications Center and all personnel on scene when command has been transferred.

#### B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECONDARY OFFICERS:

1. Response:

Secondary officers and additional resources shall respond to the scene in accordance with Police Department policy.

2. Responsibilities at the scene:

Under the direction of the supervisor or the incident commander on scene, secondary officers shall do the following:

Assist with establishment of perimeter security.

Assist with the establishment of operation areas: ie: command post, staging, holding and triage areas.

Assist with directing witnesses, victims and contaminated personnel to the appropriate areas.

Verbal instructions may be used to direct ambulatory victims out of the contaminated area into the appropriate holding area. Do not attempt to rescue victims within a contaminated area without proper PPE. Do not attempt to decontaminate victims without proper PPE and specialized training.

Assist with evacuations, if needed / as assigned.

Assist with traffic and/or crowd control, if applicable.

Identify witnesses and obtain statements, if possible.

Assist with a size up of the scene and identification of additional hazards. Advise the supervisor or Incident Commander of any change in scene status or additional hazards identified.

Maintain the scene until relieved.

#### C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FIRST SUPERVISOR ON SCENE:

1. The first supervisor on scene shall establish command or a unified command and control the scene until relieved by a Hazardous Materials Team Member, superior supervisor or a more qualified individual. Transfer command through a thorough face to face situation briefing. Notify the Anderson County Emergency Communications Center and all personnel on scene when command has been transferred. The briefing should include:
  - A summary of all actions taken by the initial officers, resources on scene and the Incident commander.
  - A list of identified hazards and potential hazards as well as information pertaining to possible contamination, victims, suspects and witnesses.
  - Evaluation of actions initiated during the response.
  - A list of personnel and assets on scene as well as their assignments.
  - The identification and location of operational areas already established ie: staging, triage, holding areas, evacuation centers and perimeters.
  - Information regarding any evacuations already completed as well as anticipated evacuations.
  - Availability of additional resources including those enroute or in staging.

2. Upon transfer of command the incident commander should continuously evaluate the ongoing operations and evaluate the need for additional manpower and / or activation of additional ICS positions to maintain an effective span of control.
  - Ensure establishment of Incident Command Post to include unified or area command as needed.
  - Coordinate with other responding emergency personnel
  - Notify and/or update the shift commander and Hazardous Materials Team as necessary
  - Establish manpower needs
  - Notify the Public Information Officer
  - Establish a media post
  - Maintain command of scene until relieved by Hazmat or other appropriate responder. Incident Command at hazardous materials incidents may be assumed by a member of the Hazardous Materials Team or Emergency Services Division personnel in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.120


D. DECONTAMINATION:

1. In the event a officer becomes contaminated or is suspected to have been contaminated during a Hazmat or CBRN incident, no attempt to decontaminate should be initiated by untrained personnel.
2. The incident Commander, Hazmat Coordinator and Emergency Medical personnel shall be notified immediately.
3. Decontamination operations will be performed by properly trained personnel using appropriate PPE.
4. Personnel who have not been decontaminated will not be transported from the scene.
5. In the event contaminated individuals are transported from the scene the incident commander and Anderson County Emergency Communications Center should notify area hospitals and medical facilities immediately.

E. TRANSPORTION OR ACCEPTANCE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND LIMITATIONS:

1. The disposal of hazardous waste or hazardous materials is normally the financial and legal responsibility of the owner of the land upon which the material is located, and/or the person in possession or control of the material.
2. Employees or members of the Anderson Police Department should not take possession of hazardous materials for disposal with the following exceptions:
  - a. Small arms ammunition, fireworks, explosives (by the Explosives Unit), or other hazardous materials normally handled by the Anderson Bomb Squad.
  - b. Typical household chemicals, when properly sealed in their containers, when needed as evidence in a crime
  - c. Collection of hazardous materials by the Hazardous Materials Team when no other disposal option is available
3. Employees or members of the Anderson Police Department should not transport unknown and unclassified chemicals.
4. When unknown or hazardous materials are encountered, the on-duty Hazardous Materials Coordinator will be contacted for assistance.

By order of:

  
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Martin D. Brown, Chief of Police

3-11-2010  
Date