

Special Responses

Discussion

Responses to technical rescue and hazardous materials incidents will include technician level personnel as well as non-technician members. The purpose of this exercise is to determine what level of responses your department will function at in selected disciplines. We will also discuss what actions can be taken at the non-technician level; firefighter responder level at these incidents. Company officers will be responsible for making sure that members operate at their response capable level and they also must be aware of the procedures for notifying technician level responses for your department. Initial actions for non-technicians should also be reviewed. Consult your department SOG's and specialty team SOG's for correct actions.

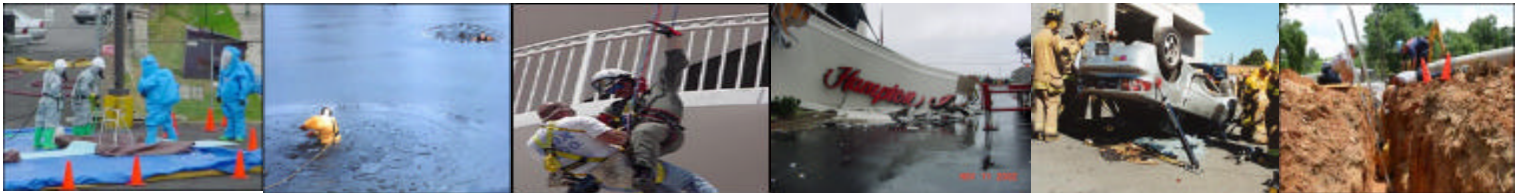
Indicate the level of initial response your department utilizes for these incidents.

Incident Type>	Water	Trench	Confined Space	Structural Collapse	Vertical	Hazardous Materials	Vehicle & Machinery
Awareness							
Operations							
Technician							

What defines each level of response for these incidents (See NFPA 1670 or NFPA 472 for criteria)

- Awareness response =
- Operations response =
- Technician response =

What is the initial dispatch level for each discipline from within your department? Is their automatic aid?
 How many members of your department are trained to each of these disciplines? Who are they for your shift?
 What are the requirements for membership on the specialty team that supports each operation?



Officers Corner

1. For each specialty response, how would you request the correct specialty team?
2. What actions can your crew take?
3. What information should you provide to technicians who respond to your incident?
4. What crew assignments would you make for these incidents?

Practical Skills Station

Have a Technician or Operations Level team member demonstrate some of the equipment used for each discipline.

- Where is equipment located
- What can you do to assist the technician team member in set-up and operations
- Review the IMS components used during special responses
- Review department dispatch procedures for special responses.

Firefighters Corner

1. For each specialty response, what is your level of protective equipment?
2. What tools will support your initial actions?
3. What support functions can you fulfill to the technician level response that will come to this incident?