

# *Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department*

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## Hazardous Materials Incident Response Policy First Responder Awareness Level

It shall be the policy of the Lamoine VFD that the following shall take place at a hazardous materials incident.

### **1. Pre planning/coordination**

- a. The LVFD shall annually provide a training session on hazardous materials incidents, utilizing such training materials as shall be available to the department. The training shall describe what a hazardous materials incident is, the proper personal protection for haz mat incidents, the proper agencies to call for mutual aid, and the proper safe perimeter to maintain around a haz mat scene.

### **2. Personnel Roles, Lines of Authority, Communication**

- a. On all haz mat incidents, an incident commander (IC) shall be designated, and line officers assigned using the ICS/NIMS system as needed. The senior emergency response official shall be the initial IC.
- b. Line officers shall report to the IC
- c. Communication shall be via an appropriate mean depending on the severity of the incident. Typically fireground operations will be conducted via 2-way radio on Lamoine Local Fire Frequency (154.205mhz), multi-agency response shall be coordinated on Hancock County Fire (154.250 mhz repeaters) and/or EMA/State fire frequencies. Cellular telephone and in person communication are acceptable.

### **3. Emergency Recognition & Prevention**

- a. As per the annual training, any LVFD personnel recognizing a potential haz mat situation shall immediately inform the IC. The IC shall make the initial determination whether a haz mat situation exists and if so, report such to the Hancock County RCC and request mutual aid as needed.
- b. The IC will determine the extent of the haz mat situation and instruct all personnel to establish a safety zone as the situation warrants.

### **4. Safe Distances & Places of Refuge**

- a. In accordance with hazardous materials training the incident commander shall establish the boundaries of the "hot zone", the "warm zone" and the safe zone.

- b. In accordance with the Emergency Operations Plan on file with the Town of Lamoine, places of refuge shall be established as needed and outlined.

#### **5. Site Security & Control**

- a. The first responding agency shall initially be in charge of security at the site of the Haz Mat incident.
- b. Security and Control responsibility may be passed off to other responding agencies by the first responder upon arrival and consultation with such agencies that may respond.
- c. Law Enforcement security shall be provided by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, Maine State Police or other law enforcement agency so designated.
- d. Traffic control and crowd control shall be established and maintained by the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department and/or other mutual aid agencies as needed.

#### **6. Evacuation Routes and Procedures**

- a. Four established routes out of Lamoine exist via road way – Route 204/Jordan River Road to Route 3 in Trenton, Buttermilk Road to Route 3 in Ellsworth, Route 184/Douglas Highway to Route 1 in Ellsworth, and Mud Creek Road to Route 1 in Hancock. A minor evacuation route through Douglas Highway to MacQuinn Road to Route 1 in Hancock also exists, but is not ideal.
- b. Lamoine VFD personnel and apparatus will set up barricades as needed with personnel manning key intersections to provide route information for any evacuation route as needed.
- c. Lamoine VFD shall contact mutual aid departments at the appropriate evacuation receiving location to assist with the proper route.
- d. If individual homes are to be evacuated, LVFD or law enforcement personnel shall be sent door to door to inform homeowners of the incident, and the need to evacuate and assist them with directions and, if applicable, sheltering information.

#### **7. Decontamination**

- a. The Hancock County Emergency Management Agency will be contacted and requested to send decontamination equipment and personnel as needed.

#### **8. Emergency Medical Treatment and First Aid**

- a. County Ambulance shall be dispatched to the safe zone for any emergency medical treatment. Qualified LVFD personnel may administer first aid consistent with training in order to stabilize any victims so that ambulance personnel may provide more advanced treatment if needed.

#### **9. Emergency Alerting & Response Procedures**

- a. Lamoine VFD will be notified of any Haz Mat incidents via the Hancock County RCC utilizing the Hancock County Firefighters Association alerting frequency and radio system. The HCRCC is the 911 PSAP and is the dispatching agency for Lamoine VFD.
- b. Upon receipt of a Hazardous Materials Incident report, LVFD will respond with appropriate apparatus and manpower per the Standard Operating Guidelines. Depending on the severity of the

incident, mutual aid will be sought from Ellsworth Fire Department, Trenton Fire Department and Hancock Fire Department, depending on the geographic location.

- c. Upon arrival, the incident commander shall contact Hancock RCC via radio, identify which unit number is the initial incident command and provide a brief size-up of the situation.
- d. The incident commander shall determine the initial hot zone area and arrange with responding personnel to wear the proper gear and be in the appropriate area for response. The IC will request any mutual aid as needed, determine which areas will be off limits, and where the safe zone shall be. The IC shall follow the ICS system under the NIMS program in all cases.

#### **10. Critique of Response and Follow Up**

- a. For all haz mat calls, the LVFD will perform a critique session/follow up meeting at the fire station at the next regular meeting date. If mutual aid is used, those responding agencies will be requested to attend said meeting. Should another responding agency end up as the lead agency, LVFD should be invited to their critique meeting as well.
- b. Any areas found to be a critical weakness will be dealt with through possible alterations in standard operating guidelines or other department policies.

#### **11. PPE & Emergency Equipment**

- a. The LVFD is limited to awareness level response both by training and equipment.
- b. LVFD carries SCBA gear and fire turnout gear, along with minimal first aid protection gear.
- c. Any incident involving materials that require special protective gear shall be considered a "hot zone" incident, and LVFD personnel shall not enter said zone unless fully trained as part of a regional haz mat response team.

This policy adopted March 29, 2007 by:

/s/ George F. Smith, Fire Chief