

AREA 3 REGIONAL WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM, INCORPORATED  
TEAM NAME: TASK FORCE 3

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

TASK FORCE 3-SOG-R1

MISSION

PURPOSE

To further define the mission of the organization and to establish actions to be taken when a request for assistance is outside the approved mission statement.

DIRECTION AND CONTROL

Authority

The mission of this organization has been established in the organization's by-law.

Responsibility

The Administrator/Treasurer is primarily responsible for implementation of these procedures. Responsibility for implementation of these procedures shall fall to the local county Emergency Management Directors should the primary not be available.

Maintenance

These procedures shall be effective upon approval of the Board of Directors and shall remain in effect until revised or rescinded.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. A3/RWMD/HMRT, Inc., is a nonprofit domestic organization, organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to operate in the public interest within one (1) or more of the seven (7) Kentucky counties of Daviess, McLean, Hancock, Ohio, Henderson, Webster, and Union for the purpose of providing services related to hazardous materials emergency response as a "hazardous materials response (hazmat) team" as that term is defined by the provisions of Chapter 29, Part 1910.120 of the Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.120), the standards of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) relating to hazardous waste operations and emergency response (HAZWOPER) pursuant to the authority of Section 126 of Title I of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986.
- B. For such purposes, it shall be the mission of the A3/RWMD/HMRT, Inc., Regional WMD/ Hazardous Materials Response Team to assist local government and emergency response agencies and organizations and other such agencies and organizations elsewhere upon request of competent local or state authority and when such assistance is specifically authorized by the Board of Directors of the A3/RWMD/HMRT, in responses to hazardous materials incidents for the purpose of taking actions as may be reasonably necessary and within the constraints of the training and equipment available to the A3/RWMD/HMRT to control actual or potential leaks or spills of hazardous substances requiring possible close approach

to the substance. The A3/RWMD/HMRT shall limit its responses to releases of hazardous materials at or greater than the reportable quantity as identified in TITLE III LIST OF LISTS for the purpose of control or stabilization of the incident as defined in KRS 39C.110(3). The A3/RWMD/HMRT may respond to releases less than the reportable quantity on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the standard operating guidelines and affiliation agreement. The A3/RWMD/HMRT members perform responses to releases or potential releases of hazardous materials for the purpose of control or stabilization of the incident, doing work that is over and beyond the scope of work permitted by state and federal regulations by first responders to hazardous materials incidents such as fire departments or other regular emergency response forces.

- C. The TASK FORCE 3 team members, who are specially trained as hazardous materials technicians in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.120 (q), and are equipped to perform work related to control or stabilization of releases or potential releases of hazardous materials where such work requires possible close approach to or actual contact with the released materials, will respond to, and at the request of local emergency management authority, take the lead role in:
- a. Identification of unknown or suspected hazardous materials involved in an incident; determining and carrying out appropriate remedial actions to control or stabilize the incident.
  - b. Monitoring, sampling, decontamination, neutralization, “plug and patch” operations necessary to stop or curtail leaks or spills of hazardous materials, and similar activities normally and ordinarily performed by hazmat teams.
  - c. The removal of victims trapped in hazardous atmosphere to safe areas where local emergency medical service providers can accomplish appropriate medical treatment.
  - d. Coordinating with appropriate officials of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) with regard to A3/RWMD/HMRT operations; recommending appropriate public and response personnel protective measures; and similar recommendations relating to effective response to and stabilization of the incident.
  - e. Providing, upon request of appropriate local officials, training to first responders to hazardous materials incidents at the “awareness” and/or “operations” levels of training as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.120, and providing advanced training to such first responders as may be necessary for effective support of A3/RWMD/HMRT operations.
  - f. Decontamination procedures for victims prior to transport to medical facilities.
- D. The A3/RWMD/HMRT will assist, **but not take the lead role**, in:
- a. Evacuation or other public protective actions necessitated by a hazardous materials incident.
  - b. Traffic control at the scene of an incident unless the use of hazardous materials technicians in chemical protective clothing and equipment is necessary, on a temporary basis only, to effectuate control of vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the scene of a hazardous materials incident.

- c. Rescue other than removal of victims to safe atmosphere otherwise inaccessible to emergency responders not protected by chemical protective clothing and equipment.
  - d. Permanent repair of leaking containers, tanks, pipes, vessels, valves, etc., unless such permanent repair is essential to control or stabilization of the incident of the continued release of hazardous materials.
  - e. Fire fighting operations not essential to control or stabilization of ongoing leaks or releases of hazardous materials.
  - f. First aid or administration of basic or advanced life support emergency medical treatment except as may be necessary for removal of victims to safe atmospheres.
  - g. Environmental cleanup and/or removal and/or transportation of hazardous wastes or other hazardous substances or materials from the scene of any regulated or unregulated site, except as may be essential to control or stabilization of an emergency at such site posing a clear and present threat of harm to nearby people, property, or the environment.
  - h. Law enforcement, fire fighting, rescue, search and rescue, emergency medical service, or other disaster and emergency response function normally and ordinarily provided by other emergency services agencies or organizations.
- E. Any request to respond to an incident outside of the approved mission of this organization must have the approval of a member of the Board of Directors or President or Vice President.
- F. If, upon arriving at the scene of an incident, it is confirmed that the response is outside of the approved mission of the organization, the Team Leader shall contact the President or Vice President for approval to continue operations. The local EM Director and KyEM Duty Officer shall also be notified.

#### APPROVAL

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President, A3/RWMD/HMRT, Inc.

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Date

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