

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-R8

ENTRY TEAMS

PURPOSE

To establish general procedures for entry teams at the scene of an incident.

DIRECTION AND CONTROL

Authority

These guidelines have been developed and approved by the Board of Directors. The Administrator/Treasurer shall review these procedures as needed, but not less than annually, and submit any changes to the Board of Directors for approval.

Responsibility

The Administrator/Treasurer, Membership Committee, and Training Officer of A3/RWMD/HMRT are responsible for implementation of these procedures.

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procedures shall be effective upon approval of the Board of Directors and shall remain in effect until revised or rescinded.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

Entry teams will consist of at least two (2) certified technicians. Entry teams will operate at all times in conformity with the "buddy system" mandated by 29 CFR 1910.120, which requires that entry team personnel always work in pairs, with one observing the other to the maximum extent possible to avoid trouble. A safety back-up team consisting of the same number of qualified technicians and/or specialists as are assigned to the entry team will be required for each entry team.

Safety back-up teams are to be "dressed out" (but not on air) and stationed in a position where they can observe the entry team at all times. The safety back-up team shall be ready to effect rescue of injured entry team personnel immediately.

The universally accepted "emergency" signal of placing both hands on top of the head may be used by entry team personnel to signal an injury or need for immediate help by the safety back-up team. This signal may be used regardless of whether or not radio communications are available to entry and safety teams.

The entry team supervisor will oversee entry team operations. The appointed entry team supervisor will be trained to the technician level.

The EMT's or other trained medical personnel must be available on site when entry is

made and remain on scene until all operations are complete. EMT's must be alerted to the hazmat's hazards, and be familiar with treating chemical injuries.

A set of baseline vitals, to include blood pressure, pulse rate, respiratory rate, and skin temperature and color shall be taken prior entry into the work zone (WZ)

The vital signs should be taken for each person leaving DECON and compared to any baseline data. Any open wounds or breaks in the skin must be reported to medical control immediately, and cleaned at the scene unless advised otherwise. All exposed personnel should be monitored and recorded throughout the incident for later evaluation.

APPROVAL

President, A3/RWMD/HMRT, Inc.

Date

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