

<b>Campbell County Fire Department</b> <b>Standard Operating Procedure</b>		
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**I. PURPOSE:**

To assure safety of all operations up to and including the evacuation process must be accomplished with the idea of overall safety priorities as the key requirement:

1. Personal safety
2. Civilian safety
3. Environment protection

**II. SCOPE:**

This procedure applies to all Campbell County Fire Department (CCFD) firefighting personnel.

**III. PROCEDURE:**

1. Special emphasis must be placed on insuring that the contents in a container are not different than what is indicated on the container. Positive identification of the products involved is essential. All unidentified materials should be considered harmful unless they are proven safe.
2. The Incident Commander must establish control of the area and restrict entry of all unnecessary personnel, including firefighters and officers not being used.
3. This should be strictly enforced especially when the class of hazardous materials is unknown, the approach to the incident is downwind or harmful effects are obvious (for example, there are victims down or there is discoloration of surroundings).
4. Full protection includes appropriate level clothing, positive pressure SCBA, coats, boots, and adequate gloves. In some cases conventional firefighter gear is insufficient.
5. Remember that if your protective clothing has been contaminated, you are carrying the spill with you. Anything contaminated must be left in DECON area.
6. Reactivity and toxicity should be determined prior to the selection of any extinguishing agent. Reactivity should also be checked before plugging or diking is attempted.
7. A plan of operation is critical for safety inside the area. Development of the plan with the Incident Commander will determine objectives; determine if proper tools are available for plugging or controlling a spill, and reduce exposure time of personnel at the incident.
8. Incident Commander, Hazmat Advisors, Hazmat Teams, and EMS should be constantly alert for symptoms of chemical poisoning and any actions or reactions that

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could threaten the lives of firefighters and other involved personnel.

9. The Incident Commander shall insure that a pre-entry safety and medical briefing is conducted and all response personnel on the scene will participate in this briefing. Safety and medical briefing shall be documented as to persons attending and shall also cover the Site Health and Safety Plan. It shall become part of the incident documentation.

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