



**COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS
FIRE SERVICE POLICY/PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT: ACTIVATION OF THE SANTA CRUZ HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INTERAGENCY TEAM (SCHMIT)			
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1.0 Purpose

1.1 To identify the proper way to notify the SCHMIT team members of activation.

1.1.1 Any Incident Commander can request activation.

2.0 Procedure for On Duty Personnel

2.1 When requested by an Incident Commander, dispatchers should obtain the following information:

- ◆ Nature/extent of incident, including product identification and quantity, if known.
- ◆ Request Code 2 or Code 3 response.
- ◆ Assembly point and route of travel for Haz Mat team members.

2.2 Via CAD, dispatchers will update or create incident type “SCHMIT” and bring up the call for dispatch.

2.2.1 Along with Z2560, CAD will recommend several pseudo units (SCOHAZ, SCZHAZ, CTLHAZ, BOUHAZ and WTSHAZ). When dispatched, all participating fire agencies (Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz, Central, Boulder Creek and Watsonville) will be alerted. Cal Fire CZU will automatically receive a tear-and-run printout.

- 2.3 Once all audible tones have transmitted, dispatchers will broadcast, *“All Santa Cruz Hazardous Materials Team personnel respond to a HazMat incident located at _____. Requested by _____ Fire Department. Further to follow.”*
- 2.4 As individual units go enroute, dispatchers will clear the associated pseudo unit. Ex: E3110 goes enroute, attach them to the call and clear the pseudo unit “SCZHAZ”. Provide any pertinent updates (including all information in section 2.1) to responding units. There is no requirement for all agencies paged to acknowledge or send a response. Following a confirmed response to the incident all pseudo units can be cleared from the call.
- 2.5 Dispatchers must also send a text page to all SC County Chiefs and the AMR Supervisor. This will be accomplished by utilizing the ‘TN’ command of CAD (TN.FD/ALL CHIEFS). M100 is in the all chiefs page group.
- 2.5.1 Dispatchers should include the incident location and information from section 2.1 of this procedure in the text page. Example: “Attn Chiefs: SCHMIT team responding to a hazmat incident fuming garbage truck at 7 Erba Lane, Scotts Valley.”
- 2.6 The Incident Commander will be periodically updated about the status of dispatched/responding units. For any significant updates dispatchers will generate a second text (TN) page to all County Chiefs.

3.0 Procedure for SCHMIT Phone Inquiry

- 3.1 An Incident Commander may request a phone consultation from a SCHMIT representative prior to requesting a full SCHMIT response.
- 3.2 Dispatchers should send a text message (TN.SCO/B2503), requesting the on-duty SCO battalion chief contact NetCom for a SCHMIT inquiry.