Reporting to OSFM

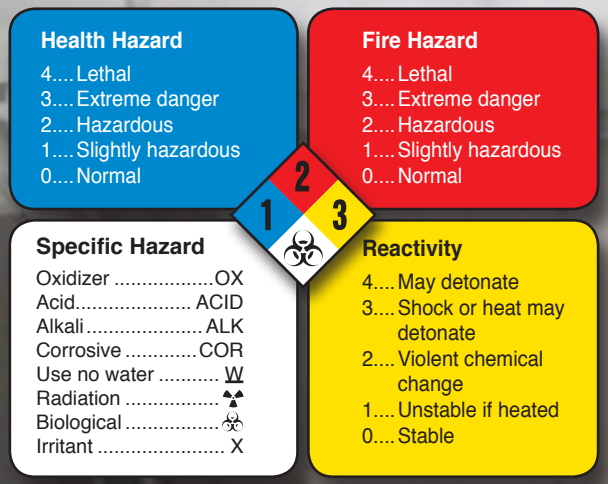
Emergency service personnel responding to a hazardous materials incident must file a Hazardous Materials Incident Report with the OSFM within ten working days after the incident occurs. These agencies include:

- Fire Departments
- State HazMat Teams
- Law Enforcement
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Any emergency service or state agency

When Does a Report Need to be Filed?

For reporting purposes, a hazardous materials incident is defined as the threatened or actual injury to a human, wildlife, domestic animal or the environment, or any property loss resulting from a hazardous substance release. There are three **exceptions** that do not require a written incident report.

- Motor fuels spilled from a vehicle in quantities less than 42 gallons (unless the fuel enters a waterway, or is determined to endanger the public safety or immediate or surrounding environment, including ground water)
- Sewage overflows
- Structure fires or other emergencies where hazardous substances are involved as exposures only and did not contribute to the cause of the emergency or to an injury or death.



Hazardous Materials Outreach Training

If your agency is interested in receiving outreach training from a Hazardous Materials Response Team please contact your local team or OSFM.

Office of State Fire Marshal

Phone: 503-378-3473
Fax: 503-373-1825
E-mail: oregon.sfm@state.or.us
http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/

For more information about Oregon's Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams Program, contact:

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OREGON

Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams

Mission Statement

The mission of the Regional Hazardous Materials Response Teams is to protect life and the environment by responding to chemical emergencies and minimizing the dangers associated with them.

OREGON REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS

History

In 1989 Oregon became the first state in the nation to create a statewide Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response system. There are 13 teams located statewide. The teams consist primarily of career and volunteer firefighters, with some law enforcement and public works employees. The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) works with the Regional Hazardous Materials Response teams to ensure proper training, equipment and medical exams are provided for each team member.

Capabilities

The 13 regional teams respond to hazardous materials emergency incidents that exceed the resources of local jurisdictions. They are a technical resource for local incident commanders.

Team members are trained to the technician level and are equipped to provide Level A, B, C, and D response. In addition, they have received specialized training and equipment through the Department of Homeland Security to prepare them for response to a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE). The regional teams provide outreach training to local responders and industry to ensure communities are prepared to respond to a hazardous materials incident and create safer communities.

Training

Team members attend a minimum of 160 hours of specialized training to become

hazardous materials technicians. Technician training in Oregon is standardized ensuring all team members have the same basic training. Team members are required to take annual refresher training and must complete the Oregon Regional Hazardous Materials Response Teams Task Book every two years.

Program Funding

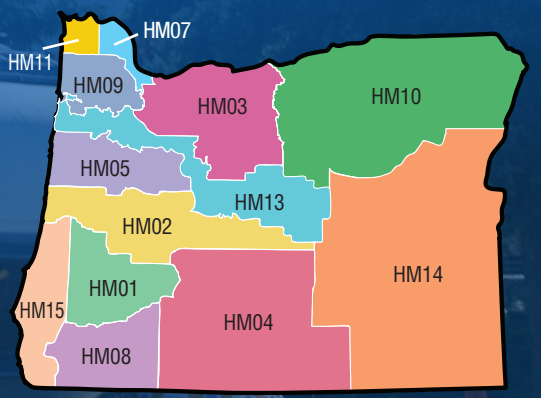
The Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams program is funded through the Petroleum Load Fee authorized in OAR 837-090-1145. The fee is collected each time a load of petroleum products is withdrawn from a bulk facility or imported into the state.

This program is based on a partnership with local government, the OSFM and industry wherein resources are shared to create a program that is both economical and successful.

Team Activation

When the local first responder on scene determines that an incident is beyond their level of training and equipment, the incident commander requests a team through the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS). OERS notifies the OSFM duty officer and other appropriate agencies.

Oregon Emergency Response System

OERS 800-452-0311

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