### OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

SUBJECT:	Communication in remote areas via FireNet	Number: T-020
OBJECTIVE:	To provide guidance and directions for the use of FireNet as a communications	OSFM Approved:
	resource.	Signature on file at OSFM
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## I. <u>SCOPE</u>

This guideline provides procedures to HazMat Teams personnel responding into areas of the state where normal communications systems may be limited or unavailable, and use of the FireNet is needed as a communication resource.

## II. <u>GENERAL</u>

The FireNet is monitored by the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) from 0700 to 2300 daily. **NOTE** – The FireNet **is not** monitored between the hours of **2300 to 0700**. OERS duty officer contact numbers are: 1-800-452-0311 (503) 378-6377

If it is determined that FireNet is the only source of communication, the HazMat team shall relay all communications for information and/or assistance through the OERS duty officer, utilizing the following procedure.

# III. <u>PROCEDURE</u>

## A. EVALUATION OF INCIDENT LOCATION

- 1. Before arriving at the incident scene, the HazMat team shall evaluate the location of the incident to determine if communications may be interrupted.
- 2. If it is determined that communications may be interrupted, the HazMat team shall contact OERS to request monitoring of the FireNet.

- 3. The HazMat team shall give OERS the location of the incident so that the OERS duty officer can determine which tower to monitor.
- 4. While in route, the HazMat team shall perform periodic radio checks to insure they are still in contact with OERS.
- 5. The HazMat team shall notify OERS when they have arrived at the incident.

## B. <u>COMPLETION OF THE HAZMAT INCIDENT RESPONSE</u>

- 1. Upon completion of the incident response, the HazMat team shall notify OERS when they are ready to leave the area.
- 2. The HazMat team shall notify OERS duty officer upon arrival back at the station.