

25. Hazardous Materials Response

Measure / Indicator Description:	Responsibility:	2006 %	2007 %	2008 %	2009 %
Percent compliance with establishing and performing an annual review of an Interlocal Agreement between Participating Zone 11 Agencies in the delivery of hazardous materials response as part of the Snohomish County Hazardous Materials Response Team.	Chief Eastman	100	100	100	
Percent compliance in attending and participating in regularly scheduled meetings of the Zone 11 Chiefs, at which this program is jointly administered.	Chief Eastman Chief Andrews	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with maintaining the Zone 11 HazMat Response Unit (HZ71) and associated equipment in a state of readiness.	Chief Andrews Chief Wirtz	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with the appointment of District representative(s) to the HazMat Joint Board, HazMat Training Committee, and Zone 11 Meetings.	Chief Andrews Chief Wirtz	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with training all uniformed members to the competencies of NFPA 472 First Responder – Operations Level.	Chief Clinton	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with training a minimum of twelve (12) members to the competencies of NFPA 472 – Hazardous Materials – Technician.	Chief Clinton Chief Wirtz	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with training those members serving as Incident Command Officers to NFPA 472 – Hazardous Materials – Incident Commander.	Chief Clinton Chief Wirtz	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with providing annual refresher training for each level of responder according to NFPA 472, OSHA, and other state and local standards.	Chief Clinton Chief Wirtz	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with assuring those members serving on the Snohomish County Hazardous Materials Response Team attend annually at least four (4) Team or Zone Training Sessions as required by the HazMat Team Guidelines.	Chief Wirtz Chief Clinton	100	100	90	
Percent compliance with maintaining an effective hazardous materials response vehicle so equipped to meet the provisions of a Level 1 Response Unit.	Chief Wirtz	80	90	90	
Percent compliance with performing pressure testing of all Level A Chemical Protective Clothing according to the manufacturer’s recommendations. (At least annually and after each use).	Chief Wirtz Lt. Perretto	100	100	100	

Percent compliance with maintaining and calibrating all air monitoring equipment according to the manufacturer's recommendations.	Chief Wirtz F/F Titland	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with maintaining a current Tier II Chemical Inventory database of reportable chemicals/quantity for those businesses in Snohomish County required to submit under SARA Title III.	Chief Wirtz	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with maintaining a current inventory of HazMat Response Reference Materials on fire apparatus to include: DOT Guidebooks, Operations-Level Guidelines, and NIOSH Pocket Guides.	Chief Wirtz	75	75	100	
Overall Percent Compliance by Year:		97%	98%	99%	

What does this measure tell us?

NFPA 472 *Professional Competencies of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents* establishes minimum requirements to assure a safe and effective response to hazardous material incidents. This standard identifies the competencies for each of the five levels of responders. In Washington State, fire department personnel are, as a minimum, to be trained to the First Responder - Operations Level. Those personnel serving on the Snohomish County Hazardous Materials Response Team shall meet the competencies for Hazardous Materials – Technician Level. Those personnel serving as an Incident Commander at a hazardous materials incident shall in addition of being trained to the First Responder – Operations Level, be trained in the competencies for Hazardous Materials – Incident Commander Level. This measure further outlines those components and job tasks necessary to maintain an effective hazardous materials response program within our own agency as well as a participating member of the Snohomish County Hazardous Materials Response Team.

Goal being measured:

Pursue Traditional and Non-traditional Effective Partnerships With Other Organizations.

Incidents involving the uncontrolled release of hazardous materials are becoming more commonplace with an increased amount of synthetic materials being produced and transported through Snohomish County on a daily basis via highways, rail, air, and waterways. The events of September 11, 2001 require that local first responders be prepared, equipped and trained to effectively handle the various types of terrorism acts found in our world today. Having members trained and functioning as part of the Snohomish County Hazardous Materials Response Team will help enable us to provide the most favorable outcome to our citizens in the event of an uncontrolled release or terrorism event.