

## Hazardous Material Response

### 629.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Hazardous materials present a potential harm to personnel resulting from their exposure. To comply with Title 8, California Code of Regulations § 5194, the following is to be the policy of this department. This policy applies to all designated personnel.

#### 629.1.1 DEFINITION

Definition related to this policy includes:

**Hazardous Material** - A hazardous material is a substance which by its nature, containment and reactivity, has the capability of inflicting harm during exposure; characterized as being toxic, corrosive, flammable, reactive, an irritant or strong sensitizer and thereby posing a threat to health and safety when improperly managed.

### 629.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

- Executive Committee;
- Title 8 California Code of Regulations § 5194, Hazard Waste Operations and Emergency Response.

### 629.3 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE

Personnel may encounter situations involving suspected hazardous materials, such as when conducting a residence verification or search. Field personnel involved in such activities are encouraged to enroll in departmental training opportunities related to hazardous materials. When personnel come into contact with a suspected hazardous material, certain steps should be taken to protect themselves and citizens.

The following steps should be considered at any scene involving suspected hazardous materials:

- (a) Utilizing training and experience, attempt to safely identify the type of hazardous substance.
- (b) Retreat to a safe distance, call 911, and follow directions given by dispatch.
- (c) Provide first-aid for injured parties if it can be done safely and without contamination.

### 629.4 REPORTING EXPOSURE(S)

Department personnel who believe they have been exposed to a hazardous material shall immediately report the exposure to a supervisor. Each exposure shall be documented in an incident report that shall be forwarded via the chain of command. Should the affected personnel be unable to document the exposure for any reason, it shall be the responsibility of the notified supervisor to complete the incident report.

# Riverside County Probation Department

## Policy Manual

### *Hazardous Material Response*

---

Injury or illness caused or believed to be caused by exposure to hazardous materials shall be reported the same as any other on-duty injury or illness in addition to a crime report or incident report.

#### 629.4.1 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

When a supervisor has been informed an employee has been exposed to a hazardous material, they shall ensure immediate medical treatment is obtained and appropriate action is taken to lessen the exposure. Notification shall also be provided to the designated Assistant Chief/Chief Deputy via the chain of command as soon as possible.

Date last reviewed: 05/24/2019

Date(s) revised: 05/24/2019

Created: 01/20/2016

Attachments: None