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PURPOSE:

To establish behavioral expectations among HAZMAT Team members as well as a mechanism to respond competently to a HAZMAT (Code Orange) incident.

POLICY STATEMENTS:

1. Members of the HAZMAT Team will voluntarily be assigned by the Emergency Center Charge Nurse and are assigned to respond to Code Orange. These HAZMAT Team members have been oriented to Donning and Doffing procedures regarding the use of DuPont Tychem SL suits, 3M PAPRs (powered air purifying respirator), 3M FR-57 Filter, Beta Max Nitrile Rubber Boots and gloves, 3M Kappler ChemTape, PPEs and HAZMAT Awareness/Operations, and Decontamination procedures.
2. The HAZMAT Team member assigned to respond to Code Orange will be comprised of Emergency Center and Hospital Staff (Nursing, Security and Radiation Safety Personnel).
3. Members of the HAZMAT Team responsible for responding to Code Orange must contact the Emergency Center Charge Nurse at _____ within 10 minutes of receipt of notification. The Emergency Center Decontamination room will be the pre-designated meeting place for the HAZMAT Team. A HAZMAT disaster test page (verbal notification) will occur at least monthly to ensure that the group is working properly and those members assigned to Code Orange coverage have responded within 10 minutes. These test notifications and response times will be logged by the EMS Coordinator and forwarded to the Chairperson of the Emergency Preparedness Committee.
4. Members of the HAZMAT Team will be required to participate in two annual practice exercises and associated critique discussions following initial HAZMAT Hospital Decontamination and Operations training.
5. A Code Orange (HAZMAT incident) may be called by any member of the Emergency Management Preparedness Committee or the Emergency Center. The on-call/in house Facilities Maintenance Supervisor will have their pager assigned to the Code Orange group pager list.
6. When a Code Orange is paged, the on-call Facilities Maintenance Supervisor (_____) will contact the Emergency Center Charge Nurse at _____. The Emergency Center Leadership Team (ECLT), the Emergency Center Charge Nurse and the Administrative Emergency Center Attending Physician will determine if utilization and deployment of the Zumro decontamination tent is required.
7. When deployment of the Zumro decontamination tent is required, the Facilities Maintenance Supervisor will direct and set-up of the Zumro decontamination tent. The Emergency Center staff can also assist with the set-up process.
8. HAZMAT Team members will Don (apply) the appropriate level of protection required against the suspected HAZMAT agent. _____ has the capabilities of HAZMAT EPA level C protection.
9. HAZMAT Team members of _____ EPA Level C protection equipment includes; DuPont Tychem SL suits, 3M PAPRs (powered air purifying respirator), 3M FR-57

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Filter, Beta Max Nitrile Rubber Boots and gloves, 3M Kappler ChemTape.

10. Once HAZMAT Team members have donned their Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) they will assemble next to the Decontamination Room inside of the Emergency Center. A head count and duty roster will be obtained by the Emergency Center Charge Nurse for accountability.

11. HAZMAT Team members will work as teams and in shifts. Environmental conditions, employee physical and emotional ability and staffing conditions may dictate HAZMAT Team member shift time. The incident in which a HAZMAT "Code Orange" Operation is activated will guide the amount of HAZMAT Team members required for decontamination procedures.

12. Typical HAZMAT Team shift time will not exceed four hours inside their HAZMAT level C suit. Exceptions may be made due to the nature of the HAZMAT "Code Orange" incident. There may be incidents where HAZMAT Operations do not require level C protection and may only require 3M N-95 face masks and generalized universal precautions.

13. HAZMAT Team members will undergo a briefing by any of the Emergency Center Leadership Team (ECLT) to include the Administrative Emergency Center Physician (ECP) prior to donning procedures of the appropriate EPA level of protection required for the suspected HAZMAT agent.

14. HAZMAT Team members will undergo a brief base-line medical assessment to include, blood pressure, pulse rate, respiration rate, and temperature. These recordings will be documented for review after HAZMAT operation procedures. A post-procedure base-line medical assessment will be completed and compared to initial assessments. All jewelry will be removed by the team member and secured prior to donning procedures. Team members will consume at least 8 ounces of water and have the opportunity to void/defecate prior to donning procedures.

15. Please refer to the Emergency Management Procedure Manual regarding Hazardous Material Exposure/Decontamination (Code Orange) number 11 for further information.