What is the Statewide Hazardous Materials Response Team?

The Statewide Hazmat Team is composed of several teams capable of deploying to any location in the State to respond to a Hazmat release. The Team is ‘Level A’ capable (i.e., the highest level of capability for response). The Teams are based in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kodiak, and Valdez and are available for callout through the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. The teams are available for emergency response only, and not for cleanup and recovery operations. Once the emergency phase is terminated, the teams will be returned to their location of origin.

For More Information, Contact:

- ADEC (Prevention Section, 269-7683, or other DEC contact numbers provided in this brochure)
- Anchorage Hazmat Team Coordinator (267-5052)
- Fairbanks Hazmat Team Coordinator (459-1481)
- 103rd Civil Support Team (AKNG) Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Response Coordinator (384-9494)
- EPA Alaska, Region 10 (271-3616)
- Valdez Hazmat Team Coordinator (835-4560)
- Kodiak Hazmat Team Coordinator (486-8040)

What assistance will the Team expect from you:

- See next page for actions required by the Local On-Scene Coordinator (LOSC) in the event of a Hazmat incident
- Firefighting assets (if available)
- Local radio frequencies for coordinating emergency services
- Maps and other information about the area
- Respirator air pack refill capability (if available)
- Possible use of community facilities for command and control, decontamination, and other purposes
- Air monitoring capability (if available)
Incident Pre-Planning and Prevention Measures

- Be familiar with the potential Hazmat release hazards in your area (fixed facilities, transportation routes)

- Develop and maintain your local emergency response plan in a current status. At a minimum, ensure the following procedures are included:
  - Notifying the public
  - Securing the site
  - Evacuating or sheltering in-place
  - Requesting Hazmat assistance (including key contact numbers)
  - Identification of key response resources (equipment and personnel) in the local area

- Be familiar with the Federal/State Unified Plan and subarea plan for your area. These are available on the Alaska Regional Response Team (ARRT) website at:
  http://www.akrrt.org/plans.shtml

- Periodically test your plan and modify based upon lessons learned

How Do You Request the Team?

To request the team, contact the nearest DEC Area Response Team office:

Central Area Response Team: 269-3063
Anchorage

Northern Area Response Team: 451-2121
Fairbanks

Southeast Area Response Team: 465-5340
Juneau

Outside normal business hours, call:
1-800-478-9300

103rd Civil Support Team (AKNG) for Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Incidents: 428-7100 or 1-888-462-7100

State of Alaska (contact any of the above DEC offices to report a Hazmat release)

Federal Government
National Response Center

What are the responsibilities of those involved in the response?

- **Responsible Party**: Report the release immediately to the Federal and State authorities. Notify local community of the release and hazards associated with the product, if known.

- **Local On-Scene Coordinator**: Within local capabilities:
  - Restrict access to the scene.
  - Call for additional assistance, if warranted. Provide as much information as possible regarding the incident.
  - Determine if general populace is at risk and either shelter in-place or evacuate the impacted area.
  - Care for any injured personnel (do not attempt to initiate rescue if not properly equipped to enter the area)
  - Meet with the Hazmat Team upon their arrival and brief the team leader on actions taken.

  NOTE: The Local On-Scene Coordinator is in charge unless he/she relinquishes on-scene command to arriving federal or state authorities.

- **Federal On-Scene Coordinator**: Serves as the lead agency for federal resources at the scene.

- **State On-Scene Coordinator**: Serves as the lead agency for state resources at the scene. Coordinates general support for the Hazmat Team.