

Appendix B

NFPA 472

Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents

This document is an appendix to the Evaluation and Certification Guide published by the Saskatchewan Office of the Fire Commissioner. Use this appendix in conjunction with the Guide.



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Introduction

NFPA Standard 472 Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents identifies the Job Performance Requirements (JPR's) that must be completed to gain qualifications as a Responder to Hazardous Materials Incidents.

This appendix contains information on completing the certification process. It also contains a record keeping system participants must use to record their progress within this program towards certification under the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

First responders at the Awareness level are those who, in the course of their normal duties, could be the first on the scene of an emergency involving hazardous materials. First responders at the awareness level are expected to recognize the presence of hazardous materials, protect themselves, call for trained personnel, and secure the area.

First responders at the Operations level are those who respond to releases, or potential releases, of hazardous materials as part of the initial response to the incident. Those qualified at the operations level will protect nearby persons, the environment and property from the effects of the release. First responders at the operational level are expected to respond in a defensive fashion to control the release from a safe distance and keep the hazard from spreading.

Qualifications and Certification Steps:

To gain certification at the **Awareness Level** the individual must:

- 1. Produce a letter of recommendation from their Fire Chief indicating they are a member of a fire department, have received training and are adequately prepared for evaluation.
- 2. Complete NFPA 472 JPR's through self-study, training on the job and/or through courses and seminar.
- 3. Successfully pass a 50 question written evaluation based upon the North American Emergency Response Guidebook and IFSTA's Hazardous Materials for First Responders manual and the Managing the Incident manual within 1 hour and attain a minimum 70% mark.

To gain certification at the **Operational Level** the individual must:

- 1. Produce a letter of recommendation from their Fire Chief indicating they are a member of a fire department, have received training and are adequately prepared for evaluation.
- 2. Be certified to the Awareness Level under NFPA Standard 472 Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents.
- 3. Complete NFPA 472 JPR's through self-study, training on the job and/or through courses and seminars.
- 4. Successfully pass a 50 question written evaluation based upon the North American Emergency Response Guidebook, IFSTA Hazardous Materials for First Responders, Managing the Incident and the IFSTA Self Contained Breathing Apparatus within 1 hour and attain a minimum 70% mark.
- 5. Successfully pass a practical evaluation based on the Job Performance Requirements outlined in this Appendix and NFPA 472 Hazardous Materials Operations Level.

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Detecting the Presence of Hazardous Materials.	4.2.1		
Given various facility or transportation situations, or both, with and without hazardous materials			
present, the first responder at the awareness level shall identify those situations where hazardous			
materials are present and also meet the following requirements:			
(1) Identify the definition of hazardous materials (or dangerous goods, in Canada).			
(2) Identify the UN/DOT hazard classes and divisions of hazardous materials and identify			
common examples of materials in each hazard class or division.			
(3) Identify the primary hazards associated with each of the UN/DOT hazard classes and			
divisions of hazardous materials by hazard class or division.			
(4) Identify the difference between hazardous materials incidents and other emergencies.			
(5) Identify typical occupancies and locations in the community where hazardous materials are			
manufactured, transported, stored, used, or disposed of.			
(6) Identify typical container shapes that can indicate the presence of hazardous materials.			
(7) Identify facility and transportation markings and colors that indicate hazardous materials,			
including the following:			
a) Transportation markings, including UN/NA identification number marks, marine pollutant			
mark, elevated temperature (HOT) mark, commodity marking, and inhalation hazard mark			
b) NFPA 704, Standard System for the Identification of the Hazards of Materials for			
Emergency Response, markings			
c) Military hazardous materials markings			
d) Special hazard communication markings for each hazard class			
e) Pipeline markings			
f) Container markings			
(8) Given an NFPA 704 marking, describe the significance of the colors, numbers, and special			
symbols.			
(9) Identify U.S. and Canadian placards and labels that indicate hazardous materials.			

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(10) Identify the following basic information on material safety data sheets (MSDS) and shipping	4.2.1.cont		
papers that indicates hazardous materials:			
a) Identify where to find MSDS.			
 b) Identify entries on an MSDS that indicate the presence of hazardous materials. 			
c) Identify the entries on shipping papers that indicate the presence of hazardous materials.			
d) Match the name of the shipping papers found in transportation (air, highway, rail, and			
water) with the mode of transportation.			
e) Identify the person responsible for having the shipping papers in each mode of			
transportation.			
f) Identify where the shipping papers are found in each mode of transportation.			
g) Identify where the papers can be found in an emergency in each mode of transportation.			
(11) Identify examples of clues (other than occupancy/location, container shape, markings/color,			
placards/labels, MSDS, and shipping papers) that use the senses of sight, sound, and odor to			
indicate hazardous materials.			
(12) Describe the limitations of using the senses in determining the presence or absence of			
hazardous materials. (13) Identify at least four types of leastions that eauld become targets for criminal or terrorist.			
(13) Identify at least four types of locations that could become targets for criminal or terrorist activity using hazardous materials.			
(14) Describe the difference between a chemical and a biological incident.			
(15) Identify at least four indicators of possible criminal or terrorist activity involving chemical			
agents.			
(16) Identify at least four indicators of possible criminal or terrorist activity involving biological			
agents.			
Surveying the Hazardous Materials Incident from a Safe Location.	4.2.2.		
Given examples of facility and transportation situations involving hazardous materials, the first			
responder at the awareness level shall identify the hazardous material (s) in each situation by			
name. UN/NA identification number, or type placard applied, and also shall meet the following			
requirements:			
(1) Identify difficulties encountered in determining the specific names of hazardous materials in			
both facilities and transportation.			
(2) Identify sources for obtaining the names of, UN/NA identification numbers for, or types of			
placard associated with hazardous materials in transportation.			
(3) Identify sources for obtaining the names of hazardous materials in a facility.			

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Collecting Hazard Information.	4.2.3		
Given the Identity of various hazardous materials (name, UN/NA identification number, or type			
placard), the first responder at the awareness level shall identify the fire, explosion, and health			
hazard information for each material by using the current edition of the Emergency Response			
Guidebook and also shall meet the following requirements:			
(1) Identify the three methods for determining the guide page for a hazardous material.			
(2) Identify the two general types of hazards found on each guide page.			
Initiating Protective Actions.	4.4.1		
Given examples of facility and transportation hazardous materials incidents, the local emergency			
response plan, the organization's standard operating procedures, and the current edition of the			
Emergency Response Guidebook, first responders at the awareness level shall be able to identify			
the actions to be taken to protect themselves and others and to control access to the scene and			
shall also meet the following requirements:			
(1) Identify the location of both, the local emergency response plan and the organization's			
standard operating procedures.			
(2) Identify the role of the first responder at the awareness level during a hazardous materials			
incident.			
(3) Identify the following basic precautions to be taken to protect themselves and others in a			
hazardous materials incident:			
a) Identify the precautions necessary when providing emergency medical care to victims of			
hazardous materials incidents.			
 b) Identify typical ignition sources found at the scenes of hazardous materials incidents. 			
c) Identify the ways hazardous materials are harmful to people, the environment, and property			
at hazardous materials incidents.			
d) Identify the general routes of entry for human exposure to hazardous materials for each			
hazard class.			
(4) Given the identity of various hazardous materials (name, UN/NA identification number, or type			
placard), identify the following response information:			
a) Emergency action (fire, spill, or leak and first aid)			
b) Personal protective equipment necessary			
c) Initial isolation and protective action distances			

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(5) Given the name of a hazardous material, identify the recommended personal protective	4.4.1 cont.		
equipment from the following list:			
a) Street clothing and work uniforms			
b) Structural fire-fighting protective clothing			
c) Positive pressure and self-contained breathing apparatus			
d) Chemical-protective clothing and equipment			
(6) First responders at the awareness level shall identify the definitions for each of the following			
protective actions:			
a) Isolation of hazard area and denial of entry			
b) Evacuation			
c) Sheltering in place protection			
(7) First responders at the awareness level shall identify the shapes of recommended initial			
isolation and protective action zones.			
(8) First responders at the awareness level shall describe the difference between small and large			
spills as found in the table of initial isolation and protective action distances in the <i>Emergency</i>			
Response Guidebook.			
(9) First responders at the awareness level shall identify the circumstances under which the			
following distances are used at a hazardous materials incident:			
a) Table of initial isolation and protective action distances			
b) Isolation distances in the numbered guides			
(10) First responders at the awareness level shall describe the difference between the isolation			
distances in the orange-bordered guide pages and the protective action distances in the			
green-bordered pages in the document.			
(11) First responders at the awareness level shall identify the techniques used to isolate the			
hazard area and deny entry to unauthorized persons at hazardous materials incidents.			
(12) Identify at least four specific actions necessary when an incident is suspected to involve			
criminal or terrorist activity.			

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Initiating the Notification Process	4.4.2		
Given either a facility or transportation scenario involving hazardous materials, regardless of the			
presence of criminal or terrorist activities, the first responder at the awareness level shall identify			
the initial notifications to be made and how to make them, consistent with the local emergency			
response plan or the organization's standard operating procedures.			

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Competencies for the First Responder at the Operational Level The first responder at the operational level shall be able to perform the following tasks: (1) Analyze a hazardous materials incident to determine the magnitude of the problem in terms of outcomes by completing the following tasks: a) Survey the hazardous materials incident to identify the containers and materials involved, determine whether hazardous material have been released, and evaluate the surrounding conditions b) Collect hazard and response information from MSDS; CHEMTREC/CANUTEC/SETIQ; local, state, and federal authorities, and shipper/manufacturer contacts c) Predict the likely behavior of a material as well as its container d) Estimate the potential harm at a hazardous materials incident (2) Plan an initial response within the capabilities and competencies of available personnel, personal protective equipment, and control equipment by completing the following tasks: a) Describe the response objectives for hazardous materials incidents b) Describe the defensive options available for a given response objective c) Determine whether the personal protective equipment provided is a appropriate for implementing each defensive option d) Identify the emergency decontamination procedures (3) Implement the planed response to favorable change the outcomes consistent with the local emergency response plan and the organization's standard operating procedures by completing the following tasks: a) Establish and enforce scene control procedures including control zones, emergency decontamination, and communications b) Initiate an incident management system (IMS) for hazardous materials incidents c) Don, work in, and doff personal protective equipment provided by the authority having jurisdiction d) Perform defensive control functions identified in the plan of action e) Evaluate the progress of the actions taken to ensure that the response objectives are being met safely, effectively, and efficiently by completing the following tasks: f) Evaluate the sta	Page 1 of 14	472 Ref.	Date	Initials
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Surveying the Hazardous Materials Incident	5.2.1		
Given the examples of both facility and transportation scenarios involving hazardous materials, the			
first responder at the operational level shall survey the incident to identify the containers and			
materials involved, determine the whether hazardous materials have been released and evaluate			
the surrounding conditions and also shall meet the requirements in 5.2.1 1 through 5.2.1.6.			
Given three examples each of liquid, gas, and solid hazardous materials, including various hazardous classes, the first responder at the operational level shall identify the general shapes of containers in which the hazardous materials are typically found. (1) Given examples of the following tank cars, the first responder at the operational level shall identify each tank car by type as follows: a) Cryogenic liquid tank cars b) High-pressure tube cars c) Nonpressure tank cars d) Pneumatically unloaded hopper cars e) Pressure tank cars (2) Given examples of the following intermodal tanks, the first responder at the operational level shall identify each intermodal tank by type and identify at least one material and its hazard class that is typically found in each tank as follows: a) Nonpressure intermodal tanks, such as the following: i) IM-101 (IMO Type 1 internationally) portable tank ii) IM-102 (IMO Type 2 internationally) portable tank b) Pressure intermodal tanks	5.2.1.1		
c) Specialized intermodal tanks, such as the following:			
i) Cryogenic intermodal tanks			
ii) Tube modules			

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(3) Given examples of the following cargo tanks, the first responder at the operational level shall	5.2.1.1		
identify each cargo tank by type as follows:	cont.		
a) Nonpressure liquid tanks			
b) Low pressure chemical tanks			
c) Corrosive liquid tanks			
d) High pressure tanks			
e) Cryogenic liquid tanks			
f) Dry bulk cargo tanks			
g) Compressed gas tube trailers			
(4) Given examples of the following tanks, the first responder at the operational level shall identify			
at least one material, and its hazard, that is typically found in each tank as follows:			
a) Nonpressure tank			
b) Pressure tank			
c) Cryogenic liquid tank			
(5) Given examples of the following nonbulk packages, the first responder at the operational level			
shall identify each package by type as follows:			
a) Bags			
b) Carboys			
c) Cylinder			
d) Drums			
(6) Given examples of the following radioactive material containers, the first responder at the			
operational level shall identify each container/package by type as follows:			
a) Type A			
b) Type B			
c) Industrial			
d) Excepted			
e) Strong, tight containers			

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(1) Given examples of facility and transportation containers, the first responder at the operational	5.2.1.2		
level shall identify the markings that differentiate one container from another.			
(2) Given examples of the following marked transport vehicles and their corresponding shipping			
papers, the first responder at the operational level shall identify the vehicle or tank identification			
marking as follows:			
a) Rail transport vehicles, including tank cars			
b) Intermodal equipment including tank containers			
c) Highway transport vehicles, including cargo tanks			
(3) Given examples of facility containers, the first responder at the operational level shall identify			
the markings indicating container size; product contained, and/or site identification numbers.			
(1) Given examples of facility and transportation situation involving hazardous materials, the first	5.2.1.3		
responder at the operational level shall identify the name (s) of the hazardous material (s) in			
each situation.			
(2) The first responder at the operational level shall identify the following information on a pipeline			
marker:			
a) Product			
b) Owner			
c) Emergency telephone number			
(3) Given a pesticide label, the first responder at the operating level shall identify each of the			
following pieces of information, then match the piece of information to its significance in			
surveying the hazardous materials incident: a) Name of pesticide			
a) Name of pesticideb) Signal word			
c) Pest control product (PCP) number (in Canada)			
d) Precautionary statement			
e) Hazard statement			
f) Active ingredient			
(4) Given a label for a radioactive material, the first responder at the operational level shall identify			
vertical bars, contents, activity, and transport index.			

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The first responder at the operational level shall identify and list the surrounding conditions that	5.2.1.4		
should be noted by the first responders when surveying hazardous materials incidents.			
The first responder at the operational level shall give examples of ways to verify information	5.2.1.5		
obtained from the survey of a hazardous materials incident.			
The first responder at the operational level shall identify at least three additional hazards that could	5.2.1.6.		
be associated with an incident involving criminal or terrorist activity.			
Collecting Hazard and Response Information	5.2.2		
(1) Given known hazardous materials, the first responder at the operational level shall collect			
hazard and response information using MSDS; CHEMTREC/CANUTEC/SETIQ; local, state,			
and federal authorities; and contacts with the shipper/manufacturer and also shall meet the			
following requirements:			
(2) Match the definitions associated with the UN/DOT hazard classes and divisions of hazardous			
materials, including refrigerated liquefied gases and cryogenic liquids, with the class or			
division.			
(3) Identify two ways to obtain an MSDS in an emergency.			
(4) Using an MSDS for a specified material, identify the following hazard and response			
information:			
a) Physical and chemical characteristics			
b) Physical hazards of the material			
c) Health hazards of the material			
d) Signs and symptoms of exposure			
e) Routes of entry			
f) Permissible exposure limits			
g) Responsible party contact			
 h) Precautions for safe handling (including hygiene practices, protective measures, procedures for cleanup of spills or leaks) 			
i) Applicable control measures including personal protective equipment			
j) Emergency and first-aid procedures			

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(5) Identify the following:	5.2.2 cont.		
a) Type of assistance provided by CHEMTREC/CANUTEC/SETIQ and local, state, and			
federal authorities			
 b) Procedure for contacting CHEMTREC/CANUTEC/SETIQ and local, state and federal authorities 			
 c) Information of be furnished to CHEMTREC/CANUTEC/SETIQ and local, state, and federal authorities 			
(6) Identify two methods of contacting the manufacturer or shipper to obtain hazardous and			
response information.			
(7) Identify the type of assistance provided by local, state, and federal authorities with respect to			
criminal or terrorist activities involving hazardous materials.			
(8) Identify the procedure for contacting local, state, and federal authorities as specified in the			
local emergency response plan (ERP) or the organization's standard operating procedures.			
(9) Describe the properties and characteristics of the following:			
a) Alpha particles			
b) Beta particles			
c) Gamma rays			
d) Neutrons			
Predicting the Behavior of a Material and its Container	5.2.3		
Given an incident involving a single hazardous material, the first responder at the operational level			
shall predict the likely behavior of the material and its container and also shall meet the following			
requirements:			

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(1) Given two examples of scenarios involving known hazardous materials, interpret the hazard	5.2.3 cont.		
and response information obtained from the current edition of the Emergency Response			
Guidebook; MSDS; CHEMTREC/CANUTEC/SETIQ; local, state, and federal authorities; and			
shipper/manufacturer contacts as follows:			
a) Match the following chemical and physical properties with their significance and impact on			
the behavior of the container and/or its contents:			
i) Boiling point			
ii) Chemical reactivity			
iii) Corrosivity (pH)			
iv) Flammable (explosive) range (LEL and UEL)			
v) Flash point			
vi) Ignition (autoignition) temperature			
vii) Physical state (solid, liquid, gas)			
viii) Specific gravity			
ix) Toxic products of combustion			
x) Vapor density			
xi) Vapor pressure			
xii) Water solubility			
xiii) Radiation (ionizing and non-ionizing)			
(2) Identify the differences between the following pairs of terms:			
a) Exposure and hazard			
b) Exposure and contamination			
c) Contamination and secondary contamination			
d) Radioactive material exposure (internal and external) and radioactive contamination			
(3) Identify three types of stress that could cause a container system to release its contents.			
(4) Identify five ways in which containers can breach.			
(5) Identify four ways in which containers can release their contents.			
(6) Identify at least four dispersion patterns that can be created upon release of a hazardous			
material.			
(7) Identify the three general time frames for predicting the length of time that exposures can be in			
contact with hazardous materials in an endangered area.			
(8) Identify the health and physical hazards that could cause harm.			

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(9) Identify the health hazards associated with the following terms:	5.2.3 cont.		
a) Asphyxiant			
b) Chronic health hazard			
c) Convulsant			
d) Irritant/corrosive			
e) Sensitizer/allergen			
f) Alpha, beta, gamma, and neutron radiation			
(10) Given the following types of warfare agents, identify the corresponding UN/DOT hazard			
class and division:			
a) Nerve agents			
b) Vesicants (blister agents)			
c) Blood agents			
d) Choking agents			
e) Irritants (riot control agents)			
f) Biological agents and toxins			
Estimating the Potential Harm	5.2.4		
(1) The first responder at the operational level shall estimate the potential harm within the			
endangered area at a hazardous material incident and also shall meet the following			
requirements:			
(2) Identify a resource for determining the size of an endangered area of a hazardous materials			
incident.			
(3) Given the dimensions of the endangered area and the surrounding conditions at a hazardous			
materials incident, estimate the number and type of exposures within that endangered area.			
(4) Identify resources available for determining the concentrations of a released hazardous			
material within an endangered area.			
(5) Given the concentrations of the released material, identify the factors for determining the			
extent of physical, health, and safety hazards within the endangered area of a hazardous			
materials incident.			
(6) Describe the impact that time, distance, and shielding have on exposure to radioactive			
materials specific to the expected dose rate.			
(7) Describe the prioritization of emergency medical care and removal of victims from the hazard			
area relative to exposure and contamination concerns.			

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Competencies – Planning the Response	5.3		
Describing Response Objectives for Hazardous Materials Incidents	5.3.1		
(1) Given at least two scenarios involving hazardous materials incidents (one facility and one			
transportation), the first responder at the operational level shall describe the first responder's			
response objectives for each problem and also shall meet the following requirements:			
(2) Given an analysis of a hazardous materials problem and the exposures already lost, identify			
the steps for determining the number of exposures that could be saved by the first responder			
with the resources provided by the authority having jurisdiction and operating in a defensive			
fashion.			
(3) Given an analysis of a hazardous materials incident, describe the steps for determining			
defensive response objectives.			
(4) Describe how to assess the risk to a responder for each hazard class in rescuing injured persons at a hazardous material incident.			
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Identifying Defensive Options (1) Given simulated facility and transportation becarde a materials problems, the first responder at	5.5.2		
(1) Given simulated facility and transportation hazardous materials problems, the first responder at the operational level shall identify the defensive options for each response objective and shall			
meet the following requirements:			
(2) Identify the defensive options to accomplish a given response objective			
(3) Identify the purpose for, and the procedures, equipment, and safety precautions used with,			
each of the following techniques:			
a) Absorption			
b) Dike, dam, diversion, retention			
c) Dilution			
d) Remove valve shutoff			
e) Vapor dispersion			
f) Vapor suppression			

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Determining Appropriateness of Personal Protective Equipment	5.3.3		
(1) Given the name of the hazardous material involved and the anticipated type of exposure, the first responder at the operational level shall determine whether available personal protective equipment is appropriate for implementing a defensive option and also shall meet the following requirements:			
 (2) Identify the respiratory protection required for a given defensive option and the following: a) Identify the three types of respiratory protection and the advantages and limitations presented by the use of each at hazardous materials incidents. b) Identify the required physical capabilities and limitations of personnel working in positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus. 			
 (3) Identify the personal protective clothing required for a given defensive option and the following: a) Identify skin contact hazards encountered at hazardous materials incidents. b) Identify the purpose, advantages, and limitations of the following levels of protective clothing at hazardous materials incidents: i) Structural fire-fighting protective clothing ii) High temperature-protective clothing iii) Chemical-protective clothing iv) Liquid splash-protective clothing v) Vapor-protective clothing 			
 Identifying Emergency Decontamination Procedures (1) The first responder at the operational level shall identify emergency decontamination procedures and shall meet the following requirements: (2) Identify ways that personnel, personal protective equipment, apparatus, tools, and equipment become contaminated. (3) Describe how the potential for secondary contamination determines the need for emergency decontamination procedures. 	5.3.4		
 (4) Identify the purpose of emergency decontamination procedures at hazardous materials incidents. (5) Identify the advantages and limitations of emergency decontamination procedures. (6) Describe the procedure listed in the local emergency response plan or the organization's standard operating procedures for decontamination of a large number of people exposed to hazardous materials. 			

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(7) Describe procedures, such as those listed in the local emergency response plan or the	5.3.4 cont.		
organization's standard operating procedures, to preserve evidence at hazardous materials			
incidents involving suspected criminal or terrorist acts.			
Establishing and Enforcing Scene Control Procedures	5.4.1		
(1) Given scenarios for facility and/or transportation hazardous materials incidents, the first			
responder at the operational level shall identify how to establish and enforce scene control			
including control zones, emergency decontamination, and communications and shall meet the			
following requirements:			
(2) Identify the procedures for establishing scene control through control zones.			
(3) Identify the criteria for determining the locations of the control zones at hazardous materials			
incidents.			
(4) Identify the basic techniques for the following protective actions at hazardous materials			
incidents:			
(5) Evacuation			
(6) Sheltering in-place protection			
(7) Identify the considerations associated with locating emergency decontamination areas.(8) Demonstrate the ability to perform emergency decontamination.			
(9) Items the items to be considered in a safety briefing prior to allowing personnel to work at the			
following:			
(10) Hazardous materials incident			
(11) Hazardous materials incident involving criminal or terrorist activities			

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Initiating the Incident Management System	5.4.2		
(1) Given simulated facility and/or transportation hazardous materials incidents, the first responder at the operational level shall initiate the incident management system specified in the local emergency response plan and the organization's standard operating procedures and shall meet the following related requirements:			
(2) Identify the role of the first responder at the operational level during hazardous materials incidents as specified in the local emergency response plan and the organization's standard operating procedures.			
(3) Identify the levels of hazardous materials incidents as defined in the local emergency response plan.			
(4) Identify the purpose, need, benefits, and elements of an incident management system at hazardous materials incidents.			
(5) Identify the considerations for determining the location of the command post for a hazardous materials incident.			
(6) Identify the procedures for requesting additional resources at a hazardous materials incident.(7) Identify the authority and responsibilities of the safety officer.			
Using Personal Protective Equipment	5.4.3		
(1) The first responder at the operational level shall demonstrate the ability to don, work in, and doff the personal protective equipment provided by the authority having jurisdiction, and shall meet the following related requirements:			
(2) Identify the importance of the buddy system in implementing the planned defensive options.(3) Identify the importance of the backup personnel in implementing the planned defensive options.			
(4) Identify the safety precautions to be observed when approaching and working at hazardous materials incidents.			
(5) Identify the symptoms of heat and cold stress.			
(6) Identify the physical capabilities required for, and the limitations of, personnel working in the personal protective equipment as provided by the authority having jurisdiction.			
(7) Match the function of the operational components of the positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus provided to the hazardous materials responder with the name of the component.			
(8) Identify the procedures for cleaning, disinfecting, and inspecting respiratory protective equipment.			

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(9) Identify the procedures for donning, working in, and doffing positive pressure self-contained	5.4.3 cont.		
breathing apparatus.			
(10) Demonstrate donning, working in, and doffing positive pressure self-contained breathing			
apparatus.			
Performing Defensive Control Actions	5.4.4		
(1) Given a plan of action for a hazardous materials incident within their capabilities, the first			
responder of the operational level shall demonstrate defensive control actions set out in the			
plan and shall meet the following related requirements:			
(2) Using the type of fire-fighting foam or vapor suppressing agent and foam equipment furnished			
by the authority having jurisdiction, demonstrate the effective application of the fire-fighting			
foam (s) or vapor suppressing agent (s) on a spill or fire involving hazardous materials.			
(3) Identify the characteristics and applicability of the following foams:			
a) Protein			
b) Fluoroprotein			
c) Special purpose			
i) Polar solvent alcohol-resistant concentrates			
ii) Hazardous materials concentrates			
iii) Aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF)			
iv) High expansion			
(4) Given the required tools and equipment, demonstrate how to perform the following defensive			
control activities:			
a) Absorption			
b) Damming			
c) Diking			
d) Dilution			
e) Diversion			
f) Retention			
g) Vapor dispersion			
h) Vapor suppression			
 (8) Identify the location and describe the use of the mechanical, hydraulic, and air emergency remote shutoff devices as found on cargo tanks. (9) Describe the objectives and dangers of search and rescue missions at hazardous materials incidents. 			

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(10) Describe methods for controlling the spread of contamination to limit impacts of radioactive materials.	5.4.4 cont.		
Competencies – Evaluating Process	5.5		
 Evaluating the Status of Defensive Actions (1) Given simulated facility and/or transportation hazardous materials incidents, the first responder at the operational level shall evaluate the status of the defensive actions taken in accomplishing the response objectives and shall meet the following related requirements: (2) Identify the considerations for evaluating whether defensive options are effective in accomplishing the objectives. (3) Describe the circumstances under which it would be prudent to withdraw from a hazardous materials incident. 	5.5.1		
 Communicating the Status of the Planned Response (1) The first responder at the operational level shall communicate the status of the planned response to the incident commander and other response personnel and shall meet the following related requirements: (2) Identify the methods for communicating the status of the planned response to the incident commander through the normal chain of command. (3) Identify the methods for immediate notification of the incident commander and other response personnel about critical emergency conditions at the incident. 	5.5.2		

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