HAZMAT RESPONSE

What is a Hazmat?

- Hazardous Materials (also known as hazmat) are products containing chemicals that, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, can cause “death, serious injury, long-lasting health effects, and damage to buildings, homes and other property.”

- Hazardous materials come in the form of explosives, flammable and combustible substances, poisons and radioactive material.

- Examples of Hazmat include Mercury, Fuels, Aerosols, Pesticides, Butane, and Airbag Inflators.

- For an extensive OSHA list of Hazardous Chemicals, visit: http://aps.anl.gov/Safety_and_Training/User_Safety/oshatoxicchem.html

Who handles hazardous materials?

- Personnel who are certified to the OSHA Operations level can respond to minor spills like gasoline, antifreeze, etc. Those certified to the OSHA Technician level can intervene in any kind of chemical emergency.

Who responds to the University of Iowa area?

- The Johnson County Hazardous Materials Response Team (JCHMRT). The JCHMRT Team serves Johnson County and southern Cedar County. Fifteen personnel, including all nine assigned to Station 2, are certified to the OSHA Technician level. The Iowa City Fire Department personnel makeup about half of the JCMHRT.

Where is the JCHMRT located?

- The JCHMRT vehicle, Hazmat 1, is located at Station 2 (301 Emerald Street, Iowa City).

Sources:


