

HAZ-MAT BRANCH DIRECTOR

Multi-Casualty Incident

Reports To: IC or Operations Section Chief, if established

Radio Identifier: Haz-Mat Branch

Responsibilities: Deny entry, identify the product and recommend hot, warm and cold zones, perform gross decontamination of patients, monitor the air, render the area safe, if applicable.

- Provide for the safety of responders and others
- Obtain a briefing from the IC or Ops Chief
- Don position identification vest
- Establish a work area in or adjacent to the command post
- Coordinate with IC to secure frequencies
- Communicate objectives to each assigned group/division supervisor
- Verify type and number of resources assigned, assign and reassign resources to groups, divisions, and units, and request additional resources as needed
- Maintain written accountability for all resources assigned to the Branch
- Review group/division assignments for effectiveness and modify as needed
- Provide input to IC or the Ops Chief
- Supervise branch activities
- Coordinate activities with other branches, groups, and divisions
- Provide status reports to designated to IC or Ops Chief
- Release units/personnel back to the IC or Ops Chief when no longer needed within the Branch

IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES

- Size-Up
- Secure Hot Zone/Deny Entry
- MSDS/Shipping Papers
- Patient Decontamination (Gross)
- H/W/C Zones
- Air Monitoring

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