



## Questions for Emergency Medical Transport & Hospitals

*The following is intended to provide further explanation of the questions found in the Phase 2 Questionnaire. The term "no further explanation necessary" is used when the question does not require additional explanation.*

1. This is a plan that details the actions taken during hazardous materials related emergencies. It may be one comprehensive document, a section within a document, or contained in several related documents.
  - a. List the title of the hazmat contingency plan.
  - b. If the plans or procedures for responding to a hazmat incident are contained in multiple documents, list the title of each document.
  - c. This can be as simple as having a person assigned to review the plan at a set time period, or more complex automatic reminders and procedures. Indicate whether the review takes place annually, semiannually, as needed, or other.
  - d. Indicate the last date that the plan was revised or updated.
  - e. This should be the position title of the person within the agency that has the authority to execute the procedures contained in the hazmat contingency plan.
2. This refers to a program to provide personnel with appropriate training to respond to a hazardous materials incident. In addition to providing initial training, the program may include maintaining training records and providing refresher training as needed.
  - a. These are OSHA training levels for personnel responding to hazardous materials incidents. If personnel are trained to different levels, check each one that applies.
3. Capability could include proper facilities, equipment, supplies, and trained personnel necessary to provide *decontamination* of patients that have been exposed to hazmat.

- a. This list would include those agencies or organizations within close proximity that could provide decontamination services.
  - b. Indicate whether there are agreements in place between your organization and the facilities that are being relied on to provide decontamination.
4. Capability could include proper facilities, equipment, supplies, and trained personnel necessary to provide *treatment* to patients that have been exposed to hazmat.
- a. & b. This list would include those agencies or organizations within close proximity that could provide treatment of patients exposed to hazmat.
  - c. No further explanation necessary
5. To make them aware of decontamination/treatment capabilities and arrangements in place by your organization. In this case, first response agency is most likely the local fire department.
6. This question is intended to determine whether the organization has identified limitations on the number of people they can transport and/or treat.
- a. No further explanation necessary.
  - b. & c. These protocols could include agreements or memorandums of understanding with other medical facilities to provide additional support once the organization's limitations have been reached.
7. Indicate whether the organization considers itself as having a role in operations involving mass casualties.
- a. No further explanation necessary.
  - b. No further explanation necessary.
  - c. No further explanation necessary.
  - d. This includes equipment necessary for personnel to accomplish their required tasks when dealing with victims that have been exposed to hazardous materials. It may include skin, eye, and respiratory protection.

- e. This training could also include fit testing to ensure that the equipment assigned to personnel is properly fitted to each individual.
  - f. A refresher training program would ensure that appropriate personnel are kept up to date with proper use of personal protective equipment and that equipment is fitted adequately.
8. These limitations could be related to facility/equipment factors, training levels, legal issues, or any other limitation.
- a. Specify
  - b. To determine whether a solution has been developed to effectively deal with these limitations.
  - c. To ensure that first responders are aware of these limitations so that they can be adequately planned for.