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Ocean City Fire Department  
Standard Operating Guidelines

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## SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Subject: Hazardous Materials Response Team  
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Section: 513.00

### 513.01 Purpose

To establish guidelines for developing, maintaining and managing a Hazardous Materials Response Team.

### 513.02 Policy

The Fire Chief shall designate a Chief Officer to develop, maintain and manage a Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT), a group of resources and personnel, organized and trained to perform offensive skills and tasks for the mitigation of hazardous materials/weapons of mass destruction (WMD) incidents.

### 513.03 Eligibility

- A. The HMRT Chief Officer approves of and appoints HMRT members, and maintains a current list thereof.
- B. The HMRT shall be comprised of approved members from the Ocean City Fire Department who have successfully completed Hazardous Materials Operation and/or Hazardous Materials Technician level training.

### 513.04 Response

- A. The HMRT shall respond to incidents and operate under the Incident Command System.
- B. The HMRT Chief Officer shall ensure an adequate number of members on the HMRT, are trained, and provided the appropriate equipment to successfully and safely respond to and mitigate hazardous materials/weapons of mass destruction (WMD) incidents.
- C. The HMRT Chief Officer will develop and regularly review Standard Operating Guidelines for the safe response and operation at hazardous materials/weapons of mass destruction (WMD) incidents.