

STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL
SUBJECT

DATE: March 1, 2005

NO: X-4

FROM: CHIEF ERIC JONES

TO: ALL PERSONNEL

INDEX: CARE OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL
INFO CAD, HAZMAT
RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

I. POLICY

When incidents involving spillage or release of radioactive materials occur in the City of Stockton, the Stockton Police Department will isolate the area from and protect the scene until persons trained in the control/removal of radioactive material arrive. The Fire Department will assume Scene Management/Incident Command responsibility.

II. DEFINITION

Radioactive material includes substances in many forms which emit dangerous rays that may be lethal or cause injury. Vehicles/packages containing significant quantities should be placarded/labeled in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation Chart 9, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MARKING, LABELING & PLACARDING GUIDE.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. Telecommunications Center personnel will, upon receiving a report of spilled or released suspected radioactive material, dispatch the Fire Department and a unit for investigation to the scene and standby to notify other agencies in accordance with Standard Operating Procedures-Hazardous Material Incident Notification listed as "Hazmat" in InfoCAD system.
- B. Each Fire Department Company has instruments with which a safe perimeter may be determined and will establish monitoring stations to detect any radioactivity changes that may effect safety.
- C. Upon arriving at a scene where radioactive material has been or possibly has been spilled or released, the officer will:
 1. In the absence of a radiological monitoring team and only in a life threatening situation, aid any injured or trapped persons by moving from the contaminated area and providing first aid.
 2. If possible, isolate the incident area from traffic and pedestrians for approximately one block in each direction. This is a general rule only, the ultimate determination on distance will lie with the Scene Manager.
 3. Advise transporting personnel that radioactivity may be involved.
 4. Send injured person(s) to a hospital.
 5. Have the Telecommunications Center alert the specific hospitals that radioactive contamination may be involved.

6. If a person who may have been exposed to radioactivity is located and not sent to a hospital, that person should generally be retained in an isolated area near the perimeter of safety until radiological help arrives.
 - a. Name, age, address and the person's destination will be obtained so that emergency teams can follow up if necessary.

7. No debris or vehicle will be moved until a radiological response team arrives, unless to save life or prevent injuries.
 - a. Caution must be taken to avoid unnecessary contamination.
 - b. No eating, drinking or smoking should be allowed in the incident area.
 - c. Personnel should remain upwind from the incident area when possible.
 - d. Resources of the State Office of Emergency Services are available to the City and County. Local response resources are available through:
 - (1) City Radiological Officer (Fire Department).
 - (2) County Radiological Officer (County O.E.S.).
 - (3) Clements and/or Liberty Fire Departments.
 - (4) City O.E.S.

- D. All persons involved in the incident, including officers, must be monitored by the Radiological Officer, the Fire Department Radiological Response Team or a doctor trained in Radiological Health, before leaving the incident area. This will help prevent contamination of other areas.

- E. Once the State, County or City Radiological Officers arrive, they will determine what agency to contact for clean up. These people are specialists in the field of radioactive material and are familiar with resources available for mitigation of the incident.

- F. The Scene Manager is responsible for coordinating clean up, and may sign the manifest authorizing payment by the City. Copies should be provided to the Police Officer in charge and to the Fire Department Administration. The clean- up crew foreman will normally prepare this for signature.

- G. The officer in charge must file an S.I.R. with manifest attached directing it ATTN: ADMINISTRATION-FISCAL AFFAIRS UNIT/OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. If a Crime Report is filed an S.I.R. must also be completed using the same D.R. #.