
Procedure	Effective Date	Rescinds
SMALL HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILLS	October 24, 1995	NEW
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Franklin County Fire Chiefs Norwich Township SOG# 6		

Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to provide a guideline for the operation at incidents or situations that may arise during the course of an operation. Each member is expected to know, understand and operate according to this guideline as each situation arises.

Responsibility:

- I. All officers are responsible for the training of firefighting personnel and for ensuring proper compliance with this policy.
- II. All members have the responsibility to adequately learn these procedures and carry out this policy.
- III. All members shall show reasonable judgment in their use of this policy.

Guideline:

- A. Spills of common fluids (gasoline, motor oil, transmission fluid, anti-freeze, hydraulic oil, diesel fuel, etc.) in quantities less than 25 gallons, that do not enter a waterway, including a storm sewer, may be handled in the following manner.
 1. Use an absorbent to soak up the product, don't flush with water. The residue is not a hazardous material and may be disposed of as any solid waste, in a dumpster for instance.
 2. For traileed spills in the roadway, use absorbent to soak up the product, and let the traffic disperse the absorbent. Be aware that the road may be slippery and appropriate action may be needed. Dry sand can handle both hazards.
 3. Oil-Dry, Cat-litter, and dry sand are good absorbents.
 4. At a vehicle accident, the wrecker driver is responsible for cleaning up the debris, including the absorbent. You should notify the police officer and/or the wrecker driver that the absorbent is not hazardous waste, and to dispose of it. The used absorbent may be swept up and placed in a trash bag for disposal. The trash bag may be sent with car or placed in a dumpster. Remember absorbed flammable liquids could still release flammable vapors.

- B. Spills of over 25 gallons, or of any quantity that enters a waterway, require the immediate notification of the Ohio EPA (1-800-282-9378). Clean up will be under their direction.
- C. Releases from underground storage tanks also require the notification of the Bureau of Under Ground Storage Tanks. (1-800-686-2878)

Not: The information in this guideline has been approved by the Ohio EPA.

