

3.0 The Goal of Protection

OBJECTIVE 3.1: PROTECTION OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL					
(The Technician/Specialist will demonstrate the ability to select, inspect, don/doff and maintain the protective clothing for a given incident..)					
<u>Intent</u> This objective is derived from NRT-1, Planning Element C, Response Function 8: Response Personnel Safety and the OSHA Final Rule on Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response at <u>29 CFR 1910.120</u> and the EPA Rule <u>40 CFR Part 311</u> on the same subject, as well as the OSHA Rule <u>29 CFR 1910.156.</u> , <u>29 CFR 1910.134.</u> This objective provides a framework for the evaluation of an organization's ability to protect the health and safety of personnel responding to a hazardous materials <u>Incident/Accident.</u>					
<u>Note:</u> This objective focuses on the technical assessment of the associated hazards to select, wear and operate safely in protective clothing. The Emergency Response Agency demonstrates the technical capability to use protective clothing to protect Emergency Response Personnel.					
Was this Objective Met	yes	no	n/a	n/o	Time
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Evaluator Signature	_____				Date _____

Criteria:

3.1.1 Demonstrate the knowledge, skills & ability necessary to identify the proper level of protective clothing for a given situation.

3.1.1.1 Did the Response Personnel select level "A" when the highest level of skin and respiratory would be required?(NFA HMOSP)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.1.1.2 Did the Response Personnel select level "B" when a lesser level of skin protection but a high level of respiratory was required?(NFA HMOSP)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.1.1.3 Did the Response Personnel select level "C" when a lesser level of skin and respiratory was required and the criteria for use of air purifying respirators was met?(NFA HMOSP)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.1.1.4 Did the Response Personnel select bunker gear when protection from flammable and combustibles was required?(NFA HMOSP)

yes no n/a n/o time

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3.1.1.5 Did the Response Personnel select Proximity Approach/Crash Fire Rescue when protection for close proximity or approach to a fire source was necessary?(NFA HMOSP)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.1.1.6 Did the Response Personnel select the immersion suit when protection from water conditions was necessary?(NFA HMOSP)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.1.2 Demonstrate the ability to don and perform simple operational tasks in Level "A" chemical protective clothing.

3.1.2.1 Did the Response Personnel assemble the necessary equipment (chemical suit, boots, booties, inner gloves, outer gloves, respiratory protection, communications and a self extrication device)?(NFA HMOSP)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.1.2.2 Did the Response Personnel inspect the CPC prior to use?(NFA HMOSP)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.1.2.3 Did the Response Personnel do a system check on respiratory protection prior to use?(NFA HMOSP)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.1.2.4 Did the Response Personnel do a system check on communications prior to use?(NFA HMOSP)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.1.2.5 Did the Response Personnel sit and dress to the waist (including boots, booties, inner gloves before donning respiratory protection)?(NFA HMOSP)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.1.2.6 Did the Response Personnel stand and don the respiratory protection?(NFA HMOSP)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.1.2.7 Did the Response Personnel assume a stand-by position until the pre entry briefing was completed? (NFA HMOSP)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.1.2.8 Did the Response Personnel know the hand signals used as an alternate means of communication?(NFA HMOSP)

yes no n/a n/o time

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3.1.2.9 Did the Response Personnel adjust radio communication inside the suit?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.2.10 Did the Response Personnel clear the face piece from inside the garment?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.2.11 Did the Response Personnel perform the reduced profile in the CPC?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.2.12 Did the Response Personnel demonstrate the ability to self extricate from the garment if it became necessary?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.3 Demonstrate the ability to don and perform simple operational tasks in Level "B" chemical protective clothing.

3.1.3.1 Did the Response Personnel assemble the necessary equipment (chemical suit, boots, booties, inner gloves, outer gloves, respiratory protection, communications)?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.3.2 Did the Response Personnel inspect the CPC prior to use?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.3.3 Did the Response Personnel do a system check on communications prior to use?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.3.4 Did the Response Personnel sit and dress to the waist (including boots, booties, inner gloves before donning respiratory protection)?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.3.5 Did the Response Personnel stand and don the respiratory protection?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.3.6 Did the Response Personnel assume a stand-by position until the pre entry briefing was completed? (NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.3.7 Did the Response Personnel know the hand signals used as an alternate means of communication?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.3.8 Did the Response Personnel perform the reduced profile in the CPC?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.4 Demonstrate the ability to don and perform simple operational tasks in Level "C" chemical protective clothing.

3.1.4.1 Did the Response Personnel assemble the necessary equipment (chemical suit, boots, booties, inner gloves, outer gloves, respiratory protection, communications)?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.4.2 Did the Response Personnel inspect the CPC prior to use?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.4.3 Did the Response Personnel do a system check on respiratory protection prior to use?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.1.4.4 Did the Response Personnel do a system check on communications prior to use?(NFA HMOSP)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Explanation:

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to provide protective equipment and clothing to responders based upon the organization's safety and health plan. It should demonstrate the capability to use the results of ongoing incident assessment to determine the level (Level A, B, or C) and types of protection to be provided against identified hazards. It should demonstrate the capability to ensure that no emergency worker enters the Restricted Zone without the required protective equipment and clothing. It should demonstrate the capability to establish and maintain rules for the use of protective equipment by responders while in the Restricted Zone. It should demonstrate the capability to ensure that the operations of workers within the Restricted Zone are under the supervision of a Safety Officer, who has the authority to alter or suspend emergency operations as necessary to protect the workers.

OBJECTIVE 3.2: PROTECTIVE ACTIONS FOR THE PUBLIC
 (Demonstrate the capability to decide upon and direct the implementation of protective actions for the public. In Addition demonstrate the capability to decide upon and direct the implementation of protective actions for the public.)

Intent This objective is derived from NRT-1, Planning Element C, Response Function 9: Personal Protection of Citizens. This objective provides a framework for the evaluation of an emergency response's ability to promptly assess the severity of the hazard, determine the actions to be recommended, and implement those actions for the protection of the public and *Special Populations*.

This objective focuses on:

- protective action decision making
- issuing directives necessary to initiate the implementation of protective actions
- supporting the implementation of protection action for *Special Populations*

The implementation of these selected protective actions is addressed in other goals, objectives & methodologies. Aspects of the implementation of evacuation and sheltering is covered in Objective 7, which addresses the issuance of instructions on protective actions. Objective 11 deals with traffic and access control. Objective 12 deals with monitoring and decontamination of evacuees.

This objective is closely related to Objective 3: Incident Assessment. Input from this objective is critical to decision making on protective actions.

	yes	no	n/a	n/o	Time
Was this Objective Met	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Evaluator Signature _____ Date _____

Criteria:

3.2.1 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills & ability necessary to issue directives necessary to initiate and direct public protection actions? (see explanations)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.2.2 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills & ability necessary to support the implementation of protective actions for special populations such as schools?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.2.3 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills & ability necessary to support the implementation of protective actions for special populations such as special institutions (hospitals / day care centers)?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.2.4 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills & ability necessary to move special populations to relocation areas along preplanned routes?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.2.5 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills & ability necessary to support the implementation shelter in place operations?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Explanation:

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to provide the results of ongoing incident assessment to officials responsible for protective action decisions. These officials should demonstrate the capability to use data provided on the hazards posed by the material involved in the Incident/Accident to determine the risk to public health and safety and the protective actions necessary to reduce this risk.

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to determine the geographical areas within which the public is at risk of exposure to the plume produced by the Incident/Accident. It should demonstrate the capability to determine when the plume will reach the affected area, how long it will remain over the area, how persons could be exposed to the hazardous materials involved, and the potential harm that could come from such exposure.

Based upon these determinations the Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to determine which protective action (e.g., sheltering or evacuation, alone or in combination) would provide the most effective protection from this potential exposure.

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to revise the calculations described above as conditions change and to make appropriate adjustments in protective action strategies.

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to issue directives to units of the Emergency Response Agency to initiate the implementation of protective actions. It should demonstrate the capability to monitor the results of the implementation efforts and to issue new directives as necessary to keep the implementation on track.

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to notify school system and other institutional officials of the existence of an Incident/Accident and to provide protective action recommendations for evacuation or sheltering-in-place.

If sheltering-in-place is the recommended protective action, the Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the availability of plans and procedures for providing assistance to accomplish such actions.

The demonstration of the capability to evacuate Special Populations could be expanded to include the actual deployment and movement of some of the vehicles needed by members of Special Populations from pickup points to specified Reception Centers. If volunteers simulate persons needing medical evacuation, the demonstration should include the provision of assistance to persons in all phases of their evacuation.

OBJECTIVE 3.3: RESPONSE PERSONNEL HEALTH & SAFETY
 (Demonstrate the ability to protect emergency responder health and safety.)

Intent This objective is derived from NRT-1, Planning Element C, Response Function 8: Response Personal Safety and the OSHA Final Rule 29 CFR 1910.120, EPA 40 CFR 311 and 29 CFR 1910.156. This objective provides a framework for the evaluation of an emergency response agency's ability to protect the health and safety of emergency personnel at hazardous materials incidents.

Note: This criteria for this objective is base on the exercise being conducted

	yes	no	n/a	n/o	Time
Was this Objective Met	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Criteria:

3.3.1 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills & ability necessary to ensure that operations in hazardous areas are performed in the "buddy system", in groups of two or more?

yes no n/a n/o time
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3.3.2 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills & ability necessary to provide emergency assistance, rescue, first aid, or emergency medical transportation to emergency workers?

yes no n/a n/o time
 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

3.3.3 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge to determine the level of protection for the exposed personnel in the area of refuge at this operation? (Level D)

yes no n/a n/o time
 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

3.3.4 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge to determine the level of protection for the Entry Team at this operation? (Level "A")

yes no n/a n/o time
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3.3.5 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge to determine the level of protection for the Back-up Team at this operation? (Same as Entry or Greater is acceptable)

yes no n/a n/o time
 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

3.3.6 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge to determine the level of protection for the Decon Team at this operation? (Greater, Same or one Level lower than Entry & Back-up)

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yes no n/a n/o time

3.3.7 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge to determine the level of protection for the Haz-Mat Officer at this operation? (Dependent on the position of the officer during different phases of the operation, Level "D " could be acceptable)?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.3.8 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge to determine the level of protection for the Safety Officer at this operation? (Dependent on the position of the officer during different phases of the operation Level "D " could be acceptable)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.3.9 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge to determine the level of protection for the Incident Commander? (Dependent on the position of the officer during different phases of the operation Level "D " could be acceptable)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.3.10 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge to determine the level of protection for the First Responders? (Level "D " could be acceptable)

yes no n/a n/o time

3.3.11 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to fill out a site safety plan?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.3.12 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to assign a safety officer to the scene?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.3.13 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to provide back-up personnel for the entry team equipped with extrication equipment?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.3.14 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to have decontamination set up prior to entry?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.3.15 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct medical monitoring prior to entry and re entry?

yes no n/a n/o time

Explanation:

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate that the personal protective equipment provided to fire fighters involved in operations beyond the initial stages of any Incident/Accident meets the criteria contained at 29 CFR 1910.156(e).

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to ensure that all emergency responders exposed to hazardous materials presenting an actual or potential inhalation hazard wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus while engaged in emergency response, until the IC determines that conditions allow them to dispense with this equipment.

OBJECTIVE 3.4: VICTIM TRACKING, SCREENING, AND DECONTAMINATION OF PUBLIC & RESPONSE PERSONNEL

(Demonstrate the ability to monitor and control hazardous materials decontamination of the public through an appropriate contamination screening, decontamination, and tracking process.)

Intent This objective is derived from NRT-1, Planning Element C, Response Function 13: Human Services. This objective provides a framework for the evaluation of an organization's ability to provide for hazardous materials monitoring, decontamination, and registration of evacuees at Reception Centers.

This objective focuses on the following aspects dealing with persons who may be evacuated from the affected area of a hazardous materials incident:

- contamination screening or monitoring
- decontamination
- victim tracking

	yes	no	n/a	n/o	Time
Was this Objective Met	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Evaluator Signature _____ Date _____

Criteria:

3.4.1 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills & ability necessary to implement its procedures for screening, decontamination, and control of contamination? (see explanation)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.4.2 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills & ability necessary to implement its procedures for registration? (see explanation)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.4.3 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills and ability to establish, set up and perform Basic Gross Decontamination?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.4.4 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills and ability to establish, set up and perform Field Decontamination?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.4.5 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills and ability to place the field decontamination equipment in the proper zone location?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
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3.4.6 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills and ability to select and use the appropriate decontamination solution for the chemical given? (bleach)

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
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3.4.7 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills and ability to mix the solution properly with water in the applicator?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
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3.4.8 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills and ability to properly apply the solution starting from the head and working to the toe?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
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3.4.9 Did the Emergency Response Agency performing decon demonstrate the knowledge, skills and ability to avoid direct contact?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
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3.4.10 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills and ability to avoid cross contamination?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
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3.4.11 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills and ability to establish a priority order for the decontamination of personnel and follow the proper order for the decontamination of personnel?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
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3.4.12 Did the Emergency Response Agency demonstrate the knowledge, skills and ability to establish the personal decontamination showers?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
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Explanation:

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate that it has the capability to monitor for contamination by hazardous materials upon their departure from the *Hot Zone*. It should demonstrate the capability to decontaminate New York City Fire Department either before or after this monitoring. Some Emergency Response Agencies of the City of New York may routinely decontaminate workers and then re-monitor to make sure that they are decontaminated.

Explanation:

As a result of a hazardous materials incident, people may be instructed to leave the affected area. If such a protective action is implemented, the Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the availability of one or more "Reception Centers" or "personnel processing points."

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to minimize possible contamination of the *Facility*. It should demonstrate the capability to segregate "clean" from potentially contaminated areas. It should also demonstrate the capability to separate males and females during the decontamination process.

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the availability of sufficient staff, equipment, and procedures necessary to detect, decontaminate, and prevent cross-contamination. The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to implement and utilize specific procedures and equipment in carrying out their tasks to screen and decontaminate evacuees.

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to process evacuees through the screening process in an orderly fashion. For example, evacuees should enter the *Reception Center* at one designated and controlled entrance. The evacuees should be asked several general questions related to what area they arrived from, how they are feeling physically, etc.

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the use of procedures for determining if evacuees are contaminated. The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to perform monitoring procedures. This may be accomplished by utilizing personnel from various response Emergency Response Agencies of the City of New York such as the fire department, regional hazmat response teams, law enforcement or perhaps county or state personnel who have been activated. The Emergency Response Agency should also demonstrate the availability of medical personnel, to organize contaminated evacuees and begin decontamination procedures.

If an evacuee is found to be contaminated, the Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to decontaminate evacuees through the use of procedures entailing removal and control of contaminated clothing and other articles and the use of shower facilities. It should demonstrate the capability to contain the spread of contamination through such measures as segregating contaminated and uncontaminated persons, providing changes of clothing for persons who do not have uncontaminated clothing with them, and storing contaminated clothing to prevent further contamination of evacuees or "clean" clothes. It should demonstrate the capability to re-monitor persons who have been decontaminated.

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to refer significantly contaminated individuals who cannot be adequately decontaminated to a medical *Facility*. It should demonstrate the capability to establish and maintain records for persons who are seriously contaminated.

Following the screening, and if necessary, decontamination processes, the Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to register evacuees. This function may be managed by volunteer Emergency Response Agencies of the City of New York such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, a local civic or church group, or a county agency such as the Department of Human Services. Registration procedures generally include recording of vital information about each evacuee such as name, address, results of monitoring and time of decontamination if any. Typically this information is recorded on a standardized form designed for evacuee registration.

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to use the registration records as means for locating and reuniting families and providing a record of monitoring results. It should also demonstrate the capability to provide to a central location, a list of those evacuees registered from all open *Reception Centers*.

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the availability of sufficient staff, equipment, and procedures necessary to detect, decontaminate, and prevent cross-contamination of vehicles arriving at the Reception Center. The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to make a decision on each monitored vehicle, based on action levels appropriate for the hazardous material(s) involved in the Incident/Accident, whether it is or is not contaminated.

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to:

segregate contaminated vehicles from clean vehicles prevent contact of clean persons with contaminated vehicles, and the decontamination process for vehicles provide sufficient parking for the anticipated number of evacuees and to isolate contaminated vehicles

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to either decontaminate the vehicles immediately, or because of the chemical(s) involved, park the vehicles and in a secured area awaiting further equipment and instructions on the proper procedures necessary to adequately clean the vehicles and at the same time manage the waste.

**OBJECTIVE 3.5: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
VICTIM CARE, TRANSPORT & THE RECEIVING FACILITY**
(Demonstrate the adequacy of personnel, procedures, equipment, and vehicles for transporting contaminated and/or injured individuals, and the adequacy of medical personnel and facilities to support the operation.)

Intent This objective is derived from NRT-1, Planning Element C, Response Function 7: Health and Medical. This objective provides a framework for the evaluation of an organization's ability to provide emergency medical service and treatment during the response to a hazardous materials accident. It is critical that a Emergency Response Agency ensure that the injured, who may be contaminated, can receive appropriate medical care without unnecessary risk to the medical personnel and facilities used in treatment.

This objective focuses on the capabilities of the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) personnel to determine the nature and extent of injury or contamination to an accident victim(s) implement appropriate contamination control measures identify and transport the victim(s) to an appropriate medical Facility maintain communications with the receiving medical Facility and the receiving- medical Facility to:

provide trained staff members at the Facility prepare for the arrival of the patient(s) and establish appropriate contamination control determine whether the victim(s) has external or internal contamination and if necessary remove the external contamination maintain contamination control measures during and after treatment of patient(s)

	yes	no	n/a	n/o	Time
Was this Objective Met	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Evaluator Signature	_____				Date _____

Criteria:

3.5.1 At a minimum, did EMS personnel should demonstrate the capability to determine the nature and extent of the injury through referring to an initial response resource (e.g., DOT Emergency Response Guidebook) for immediate first aid for injured patients?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.5.2 At a minimum, did EMS personnel should demonstrate the capability to determine the nature and extent of the injury instituting emergency care using the Triage concept?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.5.3 At a minimum, did EMS personnel should demonstrate the capability to determine the nature and extent of the injury and immediately flushing the skin or eyes with running water for at least fifteen minutes?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.5.4 At a minimum, did EMS personnel should demonstrate the capability to remove and isolating any contaminated clothing and shoes?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.5 At a minimum, did EMS personnel should demonstrate the capability to keep the patient quiet and maintaining normal body temperature?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.6 At a minimum, did EMS personnel should demonstrate the capability to implement contamination control measures?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.7 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability of a contamination control procedure such as using gloves as protection against contamination?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.8 At a minimum, did EMS personnel should demonstrate the capability to line the interior and shielding the floor of the ambulance with a protective covering?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.9 At a minimum, did EMS personnel should demonstrate the capability of wrapping the individuals in a sealed sheet or blanket?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.10 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrates the capability to identify a medical *Facility* the victim will be taken to and promptly transports the victim.?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.11 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to maintain communications with the receiving medical *Facility*.?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.12 At a minimum, the receiving medical *Facility* complete effective preparations for arrival of the individual and set up appropriate contamination control?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.13 Did receiving medical *Facility* demonstrate the capability to implement procedures to ensure the controlled area is isolated and self-contained by keeping all doors leading to the area closed?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.14 Did receiving medical *Facility* demonstrate the capability to implement procedures to ensure ventilation systems are filtered or independent of other systems within the medical *Facility*?

yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.15 Did receiving medical *Facility* demonstrate the capability to implement procedures to ensure the floors are covered to minimize contamination within the area?
 yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.16 Did receiving medical *Facility* demonstrate the capability to implement procedures to ensure appropriate warning signs are in place?
 yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.17 Did receiving medical *Facility* demonstrate the capability to implement procedures to ensure unnecessary equipment is either removed or covered?
 yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.18 Did receiving medical *Facility* demonstrate the capability to implement procedures to either remove or cover necessary equipment, including a portable x-ray machine, if applicable?
 yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.19 Did receiving medical *Facility* demonstrate the capability to implement procedures to a buffer zone separating the controlled area from the rest of the *Facility* is established?
 yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.20 Did receiving medical *Facility* demonstrate the capability to implement procedures to ensure medical *Facility* staff who have direct contact with contaminated individuals take the necessary precautions to avoid contact with the contamination?
 yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.21 Did receiving medical *Facility* demonstrate the capability to implement procedures to ensure that if an individual has external or internal contamination and, if necessary, removes the external contamination?
 yes no n/a n/o time

3.5.22 Did receiving medical *Facility* demonstrate the capability to implement procedures to ensure contamination control measures during and after treatment of patient?
 yes no n/a n/o time

Explanation:

Upon arrival at the scene, the EMS personnel should demonstrate the capability to assess the situation and establish a protective zone around the injured or contaminated person(s). The EMS personnel should also determine from the Emergency Response Agency, if possible, the identity of the hazardous material involved and request for appropriate back-up support if necessary. For the purpose of the exercise, the EMS personnel should be

provided information on the identity of the material involved so that the EMS can proceed with determining the nature and extent of the injury.

Ambulance and hospital personnel should demonstrate the capability to limit contamination to themselves and their vehicles/facilities. Controlling access to the area where the contaminated individual is being treated is the first step in limiting exposure.

The ambulance crew should also demonstrate the capability to implement contamination control procedures during transport of contaminated injured persons.

After delivering a contaminated injured person to a designated receiving medical *Facility*, the Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to monitor and, if necessary, decontaminate both the ambulance crew and the ambulance. Decontamination procedures may be necessary to ensure that neither the ambulance nor any member of the ambulance crew is allowed to return to regular service without contamination evaluation.

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate its knowledge of which ambulance services are designated to provide transportation for contaminated and/or injured persons. Often, these services are established through Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between the Emergency Response Agency and the designated ambulance service(s).

Depending on the nature and extent of injury and the problems in the *exercise scenario* including the hazardous materials involved, it may be necessary for the ambulance crew or the Emergency Response Agency to determine which medical *Facility* an injured individual is to be transported. Ambulance services and response Emergency Response Agencies of the City of New York should demonstrate their knowledge of the names, available resources, participating hospitals, and locations of medical facilities equipped for care of such persons. Ambulance crews may actually demonstrate the ability to drive the individual to the selected medical *Facility*.

Adequate communications between emergency site personnel, ambulances, and hospitals are essential throughout an emergency response. So that advance preparations critical for receipt of a contaminated and/or injured individual can be initiated, the ambulance crew should demonstrate the capability to communicate with the receiving medical *Facility*. Ambulance crews should demonstrate the capability to provide, at a minimum, the following information to the receiving medical *Facility*:

information and data on the individual's physical condition including their assessment regarding internal or external contamination vital signs
the type of hazardous materials involved in the accident Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)
information relating to hazardous material involved, if available estimated time of arrival at the medical *Facility*

The medical staff at the receiving *Facility* should demonstrate the capability to implement written and established procedures to complete effective preparations for the injured individuals arrival. For example, the medical *Facility* may activate and setup a controlled area where medical treatment will occur as well as implementing contamination control procedures for reception of the ambulance, the patient, other individuals from the controlled area, and *Facility* staff.

The staff should also demonstrate the skills necessary to deal with a variety of chemicals located in their area. For this reason, Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) information may be of some use to an area's medical community during a fixed *Facility* hazardous materials incident or the shipping papers in the event of a transportation *Incident/Accident*.

Depending upon the chemicals involved, the medical facilities providing medical services to the contaminated injured may find it necessary to secure the services of at least one physician, nurse, and toxicologist, who are experienced in evaluating and treating contaminated injured persons.

The medical staff should demonstrate the capability to monitor contaminated injured individuals for external contamination by making an assessment based on the symptoms which are present. For example, medical staff may determine if wounds are contaminated by sampling of secretions and testing them for contamination. If more than one hazardous material was involved in the incident, medical staff should demonstrate the capability to treat the patient with proper priority of the materials involved.

The medical staff should demonstrate the capability to have a toxicologist analyze any samples from injured contaminated persons either at the *Facility* or nearby laboratories and if such analysis is completed, transmit these results to the medical *Facility* staff for use during examination of individuals. The medical *Facility* staff should demonstrate the capability to maintain records of all screening instruments and samples taken.

The medical staff should demonstrate the capability to implement decontamination procedures for cleansing localized areas on the patient with appropriate solutions, such as antidotes and/or neutralizing chemicals. The medical staff should demonstrate the capability to appropriately contain and store these waste solutions for disposal at a later time.

The medical staff should demonstrate the capability to implement procedures for disposal or decontamination of instruments, clothing, and medical paraphernalia. These procedures should include provisions to minimize the spread of contamination within the controlled area, other parts of the medical *Facility*, on patients, and upon themselves. After decontaminating the individual, it may be necessary to transfer the injured person to a clean area within the *Facility* in a way that precludes or minimizes the spread of contamination from the controlled area into other areas of the medical *Facility*.

Medical personnel should demonstrate the capability to implement procedures to ensure they are not contaminated before reentering the medical *Facility* from the controlled area. These procedures should include removing all personal protective clothing within the controlled area and monitoring for contamination all staff members and their equipment prior to entering buffer zones.

**OBJECTIVE 3.6: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PRE-ENTRY & POST-ENTRY VITALS**

(Demonstrate the adequacy of personnel, procedures, to medically monitor Emergency response personnel in chemical protective clothing)

Intent This objective is derived from 29 CFR 1910.120 Medical Surveillance. This objective provides a framework for the evaluation of an agencies ability to provide emergency medical service and treatment during the pre and post entry response to a hazardous materials accident. It is critical that an Emergency Response Agency ensure that the personnel wearing chemical protective clothing have their vital signs medically monitored to determine if they can wear CPC can receive appropriate medical care without unnecessary risk when it is required.

Was this Objective Met	yes	no	n/a	n/o	Time
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Evaluator Signature	_____				Date _____

Criteria:

3.6.1 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to perform a pre-entry examination?

yes no n/a n/o time
 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

3.6.2 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to check personnel blood pressures prior to entry?

yes no n/a n/o time
 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

3.6.3 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to check temperatures prior to entry?

yes no n/a n/o time
 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

3.6.4 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to check pulse prior to entry?

yes no n/a n/o time
 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

3.6.5 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to check respiration's prior to entry?

yes no n/a n/o time
 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

3.6.6 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to check body weight prior to entry?

yes no n/a n/o time
 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

3.6.7 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to hydrate personnel prior to entry?

yes no n/a n/o time
 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

3.6.8 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to perform a post entry examination after completing a decontamination process?

yes no n/a n/o time
 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

3.6.9 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to check blood pressure after completing a decontamination process?

yes no n/a n/o time
 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

3.6.10 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to check temperatures after completing a decontamination process?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.6.11 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to check pulse after completing a decontamination process?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.6.12 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to check respiration's after completing a decontamination process?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.6.13 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to check body weight after completing a decontamination process?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3.6.14 At a minimum, did EMS personnel demonstrate the capability to check body rehydrate after completing a decontamination process?

yes	no	n/a	n/o	time
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Explanation:

Upon arrival at the scene, the EMS personnel should demonstrate the capability to assess the situation and perform medical surveillance as required for personnel wearing chemical protective clothing. The EMS personnel should also determine from the Emergency Response Agency, if possible, the identity of the hazardous material involved and request the appropriate back-up support if necessary.

Controlling access to the area where the personnel are being monitored is a first step in limiting potential exposure.

The Emergency Response Agency should demonstrate the capability to monitor vital signs for circulatory, respiratory and heat related disorders. Procedures may be necessary to ensure that personnel whose medical condition is questionable are not allowed to return to regular service without some type of medical evaluation.