

CAPABILITIES

REGIONAL HAZMAT TEAMS

- ◆ Technical Assistance, Hazard Assessment, Decontamination, Hot Zone Entry, Mitigation Action/Supplies, Air Monitoring
- ◆ Hazmat Technician Level Teams (Bismarck, Fargo, Minot, Grand Forks)
- ◆ Hazmat Operations Level Teams (Dickinson, Williston, Devils Lake, Jamestown)

REGIONAL STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE TEAMS

- ◆ Technical Assistance
- ◆ Structural Collapse Heavy Rescue including Breaching and Breaking Reinforced Concrete and Steel,
- ◆ Confined Space Rescues
- ◆ Under certain circumstances, Rope Rescues and Trench Rescues. Requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis
- ◆ Structural Collapse Teams (Bismarck, Fargo, Minot, Grand Forks)

REQUESTING IC WILL NEED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ◆ Description of Incident
- ◆ Type and quantity of hazmat (if known)
- ◆ Local of incident
- ◆ Actions taken by local response
- ◆ Weather conditions
- ◆ Threat to public safety, property, or the environment

REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAMS WILL NOT

- ◆ Assume overall command of the incident.
- ◆ Cleanup, transport, or dispose of hazardous materials; this is the responsibility of the responsible party.

CRITERIA FOR ACTIVATION

The following criteria are used to determine whether to authorize a team response:

- ◆ Hazmat release or potential release from a transportation incident or fixed facility;
- ◆ Hazmat release presents actual or potential threat to public safety or the environment;
- ◆ Actual or potential structural collapse where life and safety are threatened;
- ◆ Local emergency response personnel have been dispatched, are on scene and have made an initial assessment of the incident;
- ◆ Local authorities have determined that the response needs of the incident exceed local capabilities;
- ◆ NDDDES may authorize a team response when NDDDES considers the response to be necessary to protect life, property, and the environment from the effects or potential effects of a hazardous materials release or structural collapse.
- ◆ Hazmat teams typically do not respond to clandestine drug labs; however, requests by law enforcement will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Generally, teams **WILL NOT** be dispatched when:

- ◆ Local authorities are on scene, have made an assessment and determine they have the local resources necessary to properly manage the incident;
- ◆ Release is from the primary fuel tank(s) on a vehicle;
- ◆ Material is present in a small quantity normally handled by the NDDOT.



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ND Regional Hazardous Materials and Structural Collapse Response Teams

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