



# Chautauqua County Hazardous Materials Response Team

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## Basic Information for Applicants/New Members

1. Members belong to the Chautauqua County Hazardous Materials Response Team. The Team holds monthly meetings and training of the membership and provides Operating Guidelines governing member requirements and activities.
2. Members are approved by at regular monthly meetings.
3. Applicants become members after the following requirements are met:
  - a. The Director of Emergency Services approves the application.
4. The officers of the Team are: Deputy Fire Coordinator – Hazmat, Captain(s) and Lieutenants. They are appointed by the Director of Emergency Services.
5. The Captain(s) and Lieutenants have leadership responsibilities in training and alarm activities and follow the Hazmat Coordinator in the chain of command.
6. When members are activated for alarms, drills, special training or by special orders, they are acting on behalf of Chautauqua County Emergency Services.
7. Of approximately 42 alarms annually, many are spills caused by motor vehicle accidents.
8. The first six months of membership is a probationary period. At the end of that period, the team's officers will review the member to determine if that probationary member will become a full active member.
9. Team meetings are on the first Thursday of each month. All members are expected to attend. Missing three consecutive meetings, without having been excused by the Hazmat Coordinator could result in removal from the team roster.
10. Training drills of approximately two hours in length are scheduled for 19:00 hours on the first Thursday of each month. Special drills will be held as required.

11. Members are required to complete certification in the following courses (or their equivalents).
  - a. NYS Firefighter I or Scene Support Operations
  - b. ICS 100 and NIMS 700
  - c. NYS Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations
  - d. EVOC
  - e. CPR and Red Cross Standard First Aid
  
12. Within the first 2 years of membership members are expected to complete certification in the following courses (or their equivalents).
  - a. NYS Hazardous Materials Technician – Basic
  
13. The following NYS hazmat Courses are highly recommended.
  - a. NYS Hazardous Materials Technician – Advanced
  - b. ICS 200 and NIMS 800 (Mandatory for Officers)
  - c. Hazmat ICS (Mandatory for Officers)
  - d. Hazmat Safety Officer
  - e. EMT
  
14. Members are issued a personal equipment issue number, equipment and Operating Guidelines.
  
15. It must be understood that a chain of command is standard operating procedure by the Team. Members are accountable to officers and, among officers, authority is passed in direct progression from highest to lowest and accountability is passed from lowest to highest.
  
16. After assuring professional delivery of emergency services, our greatest goal is to assure that membership is personally fulfilling and rewarding for each member.
  
17. Please fill out and return the enclosed information so we can load your information into the IAM Responding system.
  
18. A copy of a NYS driver license and NYS Training ID is required.
  
19. Please provide copies of any training certificates for classes you have taken.