# Chapter 24 Mitigating Haz Mat/WMD Incidents

#### Lesson Goal

After completing this lesson, the student shall be able to describe various mitigation efforts to be performed at haz mat/weapons of mass destruction incidents. In addition, students will perform various skills relating to defensive control functions.

#### **Objectives**

Upon successful completion of this lesson, the student shall be able to:

- 1. Summarize first responder roles at haz mat/WMD incidents. [NFPA<sup>®</sup> 472, 4.4.1; 5.4.3]
- 2. Summarize incident priorities for haz mat/WMD incidents.
- 3. Explain the management structure used for haz mat/WMD incidents. [NFPA<sup>®</sup> 472, 4.2.1, 4.4.1, 5.2.2, 5.4.3]
- 4. Explain the considerations that must be taken into account during the analysis stage of haz mat/WMD incidents. *[NFPA® 472, 5.2.1; 5*
- 5. Describe the steps used for planning the appropriate response at haz mat/WMD incidents. *[NFPA® 472, 5.3.1; 5.3.2]*
- 6. Describe the process for evaluating and communicating the progress at haz mat/WMD events. [NFPA® 472, 5.5.1; 5.5.2]
- 7. Explain how the *Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG)* is used at haz mat/WMD incidents. *[NFPA® 472, 4.4.1; 4.2.3; 5.2.1.5]*
- 8. Summarize the role of emergency response centers during haz mat/WMD incidents. [NFPA® 472, 5.2.2]
- 9. Explain the considerations that must be taken when choosing personal protective equipment at haz mat/WMD incidents. [NFPA<sup>®</sup> 472, 5.3.3; 6.2.3.1]
- 10. Distinguish among the four levels of EPA defined protection. [NFPA® 472, 6.2.3.1]

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- 11. Describe Mission-Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) ensembles. [NFPA® 472, 6.2.3.1]
- 12. Describe the selection factors that must be considered when selecting personal protective equipment at haz mat/WMD incidents. [NFPA® 472, 6.2.3.1; 6.6.3.2]
- 13. Explain safety and emergency procedures used for personnel wearing protective clothing. *[NFPA® 472, 6.2.4.1]*
- 14. Explain proper procedures for PPE inspection, storage, testing, and maintenance. [NFPA® 472, 5.4.4; 6.2.4.1; 6.2.5.1]
- 15. Describe the techniques used for isolation and scene control. [NFPA<sup>®</sup> 472, 4.4.1]
- 16. Identify basic notification considerations at haz mat/WMD incidents. [NFPA<sup>®</sup> 472, 4.4.2; 5.2.2; 5.4.3]
- 17. Describe methods that help ensure the protection of responders during haz mat/WMD incidents. *[NFPA® 472, 6.2.4.1; 5.4.4; 5.2.4; 5.5.1; 5.5.1; 5.5.2; 5.4.3]*
- 18. Describe methods that help ensure the protection of the public during haz mat/WMD incidents. *[NFPA® 472, 5.4.1; 4.4.1]*
- 19. Describe the considerations and limitations of emergency and technical decontamination. [NFPA® 472, 5.3.4; 5.2.3; 5.4.1; 5.3.2; 6.2.3.1; 6.2.4.1]
- 20. Tell what rescue actions can be taken at haz mat/WMD incidents by personnel without specialized training. [NFPA® 472, 5.3.1]
- 21. Explain the strategic goal of spill control and confinement. [NFPA® 472, 6.6.3.1]
- 22. Describe methods used to complete the strategic goal of leak control and containment. *[NFPA® 472, 6.6.3.1; 6.6.4.1]*
- 23. Summarize the actions necessary when an incident is suspected to involve terrorist activity. [NFPA® 472, 4.4.1]
- 24. Explain how to preserve crime scene evidence. [NFPA® 472, 5.4.2]
- 25. Explain the goals for the recovery and termination phases of haz mat/WMD incidents.

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- 26. Obtain information about a hazardous material using the *Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG)*. [NFPA® 472, 4.4.1; 4.2.3, Skill Sheet 24-I-1]
- 27. Perform emergency decontamination. [NFPA® 472, 5.3.4, Skill Sheet 24-I-2]
- 28. Perform absorption. [NFPA® 472, 6.6.3.1; Skill Sheet 24-I-3]
- 29. Perform adsorption. [NFPA<sup>®</sup> 472, 6.6.3.1; Skill Sheet 24-I-4]
- 30. Perform diking operations. [NFPA® 472, 6.6.3.1; Skill Sheet 24-I-5]
- 31. Perform damming operations. [NFPA® 472, 6.6.3.1; Skill Sheet 24-I-6]
- 32. Perform diversion operations. [NFPA<sup>®</sup> 472, 6.6.3.1; Skill Sheet 24-I-7]
- 33. Perform retention operations. [NFPA® 472, 6.6.3.1; Skill Sheet 24-I-8]
- 34. Perform dilution operations. [NFPA<sup>®</sup> 472, 6.6.3.1; Skill Sheet 24-I-9]
- 35. Perform vapor dispersion. [NFPA® 472, 6.6.3.1; Skill Sheet 24-I-10]
- 36. Perform a remote valve shutoff. [NFPA® 472, 6.6.3.1; 6.6.4.1; Skill Sheet 24-I-11]