

Northern Kentucky Hazardous Materials/ Weapons of Mass Destruction HM-3 Response Unit

Hazardous Materials are substances which, because of their properties, pose a potential risk to health, property or the environment. If you witness a hazardous materials release report it immediately by calling 911. DO NOT enter the area contaminated by the hazardous material. If you receive a warning of a hazardous materials incident stay tuned to local radio or television for emergency information. Follow all instructions carefully. If you are asked to Evacuate or Shelter in Place do so immediately.



DO NOT return to an evacuated area or leave your shelter until authorities say it is safe to do so. Persons exposed to the hazardous material may be contaminated. If you have been contaminated by the hazardous material seek medical help immediately by calling 911. Property exposed to the hazardous material may be contaminated. Follow decontamination instructions given by local authorities to clean up the property or the environment.

Hazardous Materials Reporting and Enforcement Companies that manufacture, use, transport, or store hazardous materials are required by law to report the quantity and location of these materials to their perspective County Emergency Management Offices and have contingency plans in place in case of an unexpected release. Per County Code of Ordinances addresses hazardous material enforcement in each county and designates the Emergency Management office as the primary enforcement agency.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Response



Response to hazardous materials incidents is coordinated by the perspective County Emergency Management Offices and local fire departments based on standard operating guidelines and emergency plans developed by Emergency Management and other local and regional emergency response agencies. HM-3 participates in and utilizes the services of the Northern

Kentucky Regional Hazardous Materials/WMD Response Unit HM-373 in conjunction with the NKY HazMat Regional HM-3 Unit provides response and planning support for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive incidents to include: detection, evidence collection, sampling and identification of Hazardous Materials/CBRNE Materials. NKY HM-3 can also provide direct support in decontamination, environmental monitoring, scene management, and resource acquisition.



NKY HM-3 provides round the clock response capabilities to hazardous materials, clandestine laboratories, and CBRNE incidents throughout Northern Kentucky. Its mission is to assist local, other state and federal agencies in determining the extent of the incident and when necessary, document, collect and analyze any material(s) or hazardous evidence. Team 3 is highly mobile and carry state of the art diagnostic and field analytical testing equipment with reach back capability. This reach back capability allows for the information and findings in the field to be transmitted and viewed by specialists in a specific field. NKY HM-3 is also tasked to provide CBRNE / HazMat training to include: CBRNE / HazMat First Responder Awareness, Operations and Technician level training programs, as well as custom designed responder training programs.