

## **GENERAL ORDER 46.3.2**

### **Hazardous Materials**

**GENERAL ORDER CROSS-REFERENCE: None.**

#### **SUMMARY**

Describes the Department's hazardous materials policy.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The Springfield Department of Fire and Life Safety has the primary responsibility for the handling of hazardous materials incidents. The Springfield Department of Fire and Life Safety has training and equipment beyond that of police personnel to handle these situations.

#### **POLICY**

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In the event of a suspected hazardous materials spill incident the officer shall:

1. Avoid being a casualty. Do not enter the contaminated (danger) zone.
2. Notify the Department of Fire and Life Safety for assistance. If a fire or medical emergency exists, the officer shall so specify.
3. Cordon off the affected area and evacuate any persons from the immediate area.
4. Remain outside the affected area and don any necessary protective clothing or equipment.
5. Attempt to locate any placards, symbols, signs, etc. which may identify the spilled material. The officer shall not reenter the danger zone to accomplish this.
6. Secure the scene until relieved by the appropriate authority or a supervisor.

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