



KENTON COUNTY EOP INCIDENT SPECIFIC PLAN

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CHEMICAL TERRORISM RESPONSE

I. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

- A. There is a potential threat from a chemical terrorist attack. The ready availability of chemical compounds and agents has made this form of attack more easily done. The release of chemical agents in population centers offers the terrorists a dramatic impact on society with relatively little expense and requires only a moderate level of technical expertise.
- B. Since terrorists are interested in maximizing the impact of their attacks, this tactic offers a highly feasible format. This type of attack may be directed against populations which are highly concentrated, or against scattered populations when dispersed by various means, such as:
 - 1. Mechanical (Including aerosol dispersion).
 - 2. Explosive.
 - 3. Natural (Including release into prevailing winds or waters).

II. MISSION

- A. To provide for the safe, effective response to an incident of a terrorist attack which involves the use, or threatened use, of a chemical agent or compound, as a weapon.

III. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

- A. Since the nature of chemical agents is closely associated with known chemical compounds, the response to their use will be conducted with a heavy reliance on the responses described in the Hazardous Materials Plan. This response will rely upon existing tactics and equipment described therein.
- B. First responders will maintain appropriate use of the Time, Distance, and Shielding concepts as outlined in Tab 3-1. Whenever possible, responders will use the readily available “Emergency Response Guidebook” in order to determine the appropriate initial response. All response will be coordinated using the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- C. Hazardous materials specialists will be relied upon by the Incident Commander to provide the expertise necessary to accomplish the mission of neutralizing or containing the chemical compounds used in such an attack in support of the overall response.
- D. The local law enforcement agency of the jurisdiction will be the lead agency unless relieved by KSP or the FBI.



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IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. Upon notification that a hazardous chemical compound has been intentionally released with terrorist intent, the first responders on scene will make appropriate notifications to local law enforcement and fire agencies which will provide initial public safety assistance.
- B. Upon notification to either the Kentucky State Police (KSP) or Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KyEM), the KSP will assume the role of lead state agency. Upon notification, KyEM will activate the resources necessary to continue the operation beyond the initial response phase.
- C. Downwind and other “hot zone” determinations will be established as soon as practicable in accordance with the procedures in the Hazardous Materials Plan. Established procedures for these zones will be adhered to by all responding personnel. All personnel responding to the incident will report to the established command post for deployment.
- D. The Incident Command System (NIMS) will be used in response to a chemical attack.
- E. Information valuable to the response shall be gathered using the form provided in Tab 3-2.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

- A. Support of this operation will consist of assistance from all applicable local and state agencies, and when necessary, federal agencies.
- B. Resources committed to chemical attack incidents will be determined and used in accordance with the principles in the Basic Emergency Operations Plan.

VI. GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

Emergency Response Guidebook

VII. TABS

- 3-1 Time, Distance and Shielding
- 3-2 Chemical/ Biological Information To Be Reported