# Alexandria Police Department
## Directive 13.2

# HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

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## 13.2.01    POLICY AND PURPOSE

Hazardous materials are used in, or pass through the city almost daily by air, rail and highway. The presence of the major railroad switching complexes/tracks, several large truck shipping terminals and National Airport provides the potential for a large-scale hazardous materials incident.

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The purpose of this directive is to provide guidelines in the event of a hazardous materials incident.

## 13.2.02    DEFINITIONS

**CHEMTREC** - an acronym for the Chemical Transportation Emergency Center, which is provided as a public service by the Chemical Manufacturer's Association. It is designed to provide immediate information to public safety officials facing a chemical

transportation emergency.

**Hazardous Material** - a substance or material capable of endangering life, health, safety, property and/or the environment.
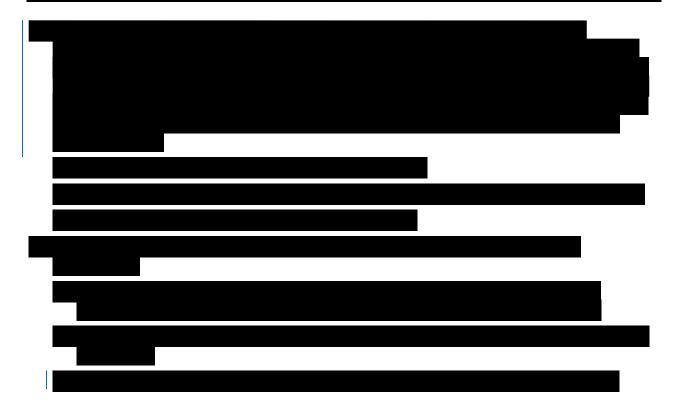
**Hazardous Materials Incident** - the actual or potential leaking, spilling or burning of hazardous materials.

**HAZMAT** - the Hazardous Materials Response Team staff by firefighters specializing in hazardous materials emergencies.

## 13.2.03        RESPONSIBILITIES

A.  The Fire Department has primary control in handling:

   1.  Fire suppression;

   2.  Rescue; and

   3.  Containment.

B.  The Police Department has primary control in handling:

   1.  Securing of the area;

   2.  Traffic control; and

   3.  Evacuation.

## 13.2.04        PROCEDURES

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**ANNEX A**

**SOME HAZARDOUS MATERIAL DANGERS**