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## ***29 CFR 1910.120 Emergency Response Training Levels***

### **Skilled Support Personnel**

These folks are skilled in one operation (usually equipment) and are needed temporarily. They remain in the cold zone.

Training required: No specified time. Work related

### **Specialist**

Employees who in their normal job tasks are trained in the specific hazards of the released material. These people provide technical advice to the incident commander. Annual training in the area of their specialty should be documented. If they enter the hot zone they need 24hr training. Training required: No specified time. Knowledge related.

### **First Responder Awareness**

Personnel likely to discover a release and call for assistance. They would leave the area, call for help, and if safe to do so, keep others out of the area. Training should be appropriate for facility requirements.

Training required: No specified time. Usually 2-8 hours

### **First Responder Operations**

Personnel are to respond in a defensive manner without actually trying to stop the release. Their primary function is to contain the release from a safe distance, keep it from spreading, and prevent exposures. May be involved in decontamination, if training includes this concept. Training required: Min. 8-hours initially

### **Hazardous Material Technician**

Their main purpose is rescue or to stop the release (if safe to do so). They will approach to stop the release by plugging, patching or shutting down the process. Training required: Min. 24-hours initially; annual 8 hour refresher thereafter

### **Hazardous Material Specialist**

They respond with Hazardous Material Technicians and provide technical support on valves, piping, or process. These responders have specific knowledge of various substances they may need to mitigate. Training required: minimum 24-hours initially equal to the technician level

### **On Scene Incident Commanders**

These people will assume control of an incident. These folks are the leaders of onsite emergency response efforts.

Training required: Min. 24-hour initially equal to the operations level, although most companies train to the technician and add additional hours involving incident command techniques.

Refresher training must be developed to maintain competency. Per OSHA computer-based training may meet some refresher training requirements, provided that it covers topics relevant to workers' assigned duties. It must be supplemented by the opportunity to ask questions of a qualified trainer and by an assessment of hands-op performance of work tasks.