

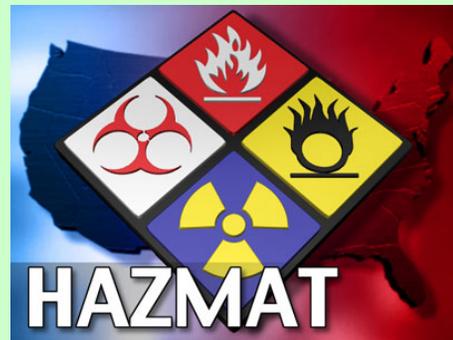


December 2015

New things that are happening with the Team.

The Haz-Mat Team was active in November responding to incidents in Hammond, Hobart and Lake Station.

The November regular scheduled training meeting was held on November at the Cedar Lake Fire Department. The team discussed many plans for 2016 and further discussion on how the team will consolidate with County E911 to aid in quicker response times. The Haz-Mat Team will be soon added to Spillman also for accountability and to better aid incident command of their resources.



In addition to the regular scheduling of events for the new year, the Team will be looking to host a large scale drill in Southern Lake County around Spring 2016. More information will be coming in future editions of the newsletter on how Fire Departments can participate and the events that will take place.

We hope you and your department members have a great Holiday Season, and look forward to the exciting growth and changes planned for 2016.



THE HAZ-MAT TEAM WELCOMES JACK ESKRIDGE AS THE LOGISTICS OFFICER

Jack Eskridge has joined the Haz-Mat Team as the Logistics Officer on large complex incidents. Jack has 48 years in the fire service, among those years he has been in various command roles including Fire Chief. Jack's sponsoring Fire Department is the Lowell Fire Department. Jack will be using his experience and time spent in the fire service to help the Haz-Mat Team Coordinator manage the long list of resources that will be needed to accomplish the operations and objectives of large Haz-Mat scenes. We look forward to working with Jack, and thank him for volunteering his time to make this a better Team.

EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

What the Lake County Haz-mat Team has to offer for specialized equipment.

This month we are showing

The Saf-E-Kit

Used to:

- Provides detectors and other equipment to help identify or classify hazards.

Kit contains:

- pH 1-14 Test Paper
- Fluoride Test Paper Strips
- Potassium Iodide Starch Paper Strips
- RAE Systems DoseRAE Pro
 - This is used to detect X-Ray and Gamma Radiation
- RAE Systems QRAE 3 Diffusion four gas meter
- Fluke 568 Infrared Thermometer



ACTIVATING THE LAKE COUNTY HAZ-MAT TEAM WITH LAKE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED 911 DISPATCH

To request the response of the Haz-Mat Team to an emergency incident or a non-emergency incident the Incident Command Officer can make that request right to the County Dispatcher and they will activate the Team. The Haz-Mat Team is notified through "Blackboard" as it was before the consolidation began.

For those Fire Departments that have Response Plans for Haz-Mat already entered into Spillman, the County Dispatchers will activate the Team regarding the instructions on the Response Plan.

Next Lake County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

The Lake County Fire Chiefs Association Election of Officers and General meeting is January 14, 2016, 7 p.m. at the Gary Fire Department, Administration Building located in the Hudson Campbell Fitness Center, 455 Massachusetts Street, Gary, at 7 p.m. Kindly RSVP by January 4, 2016.

Next Lake County Haz-Mat Training and Meeting Information

All our welcome to attend our training and meetings.

December 16, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at Cedar Lake.
Kindly RSVP by December 7, 2015.

Thank you for taking the time to read this monthly bulletin. Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding anything you would like to know more about.

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"Our resources and our Team are here to help your incident at anytime you need us."

We appreciate your support!