



Department of Fire Services

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAMS

Hazardous Materials Response Teams can be activated to support the fire service in the Commonwealth 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For immediate response to activate any of the six district Hazardous Materials Response Teams, call:

877-385-0822

and follow the appropriate prompts.

Levels of Response

- JHIRT – Joint Hazard Incident Response Team – Contained Suspicious Powder Calls, Assessment of Clandestine Laboratories, and/or Activation of Clandestine Lab Enforcement Team (CLET)
- Tier 1 – Hazardous & Risk Assessment – Suspicious Substances, Open or Loose Suspicious Powders.
- Tier 2 – Short Term Operation – Limited Release
- Tier 3 – Long Term Operation – Full Team – Large Release
- Tier 4 – Multi District Response – Multi-Operational Period
- Tier 5 – WMD/Mass Contamination – Full System (6 teams) Response

To contact the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Division, call (978) 567-3150 or visit the DFS website at www.mass.gov/dfs.