

ANNEX D**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AREA PLAN****1.0 GENERAL****1.1 PURPOSE**

The Nevada County Hazardous Materials Area Plan, hereafter referred to as the “Area Plan” establishes the policies, responsibilities, and procedures required to protect the health and safety of Nevada County's citizens, the environment, and public and private property from the effects of hazardous materials emergency incidents. It is an Annex of the County's Emergency Operations Plan.

The Area Plan establishes the emergency response organization for hazardous materials incidents occurring within Nevada County. This Plan documents the operational and general response procedures for the Marysville Fire Hazardous Materials Response Team which is the primary hazardous materials response group for Nevada County.

The Area Plan is the principal guide for agencies of Nevada County, its incorporated cities, and other local entities in mitigating hazardous materials emergencies. This Area Plan is consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS); a unified framework for incident management within which government and private entities at all levels can work together effectively. The NIMS provides a set of standardized organizational structures such as the Incident Command System (ICS) and standardized processes, procedures and systems. These processes and procedures are designed to improve interoperability among jurisdictions and disciplines in various areas -- command and management, resource management, training, and communications. The California version, known as SEMS (Standardized Emergency Management System) was updated in 2004 by the federal system.

This Area Plan is an operational plan as well as a reference document; it may be used for pre-emergency planning as well as a resource for emergency response. Agencies having roles and responsibilities established by this Area Plan are encouraged to develop standard operating procedures (SOPs) and emergency response checklists based on the provisions of this Area Plan. This Area Plan should be used in conjunction with the Nevada County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and the California Hazardous Materials Incident Contingency Plan.

1.2 PLAN

- A hard copy of the current plan will be filed in the Nevada County EOC.
- If a hard copy of the plan is required, contact either the County of Nevada Environmental

Health Department or the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services.