

Competencies for Mass Decon Operational Personnel

The Mass Decon Operational personnel must be competent in the following areas:

Planning and response, selection of protective equipment, the understanding of decon procedures and perform functions, be able to evaluate progress/effectiveness, termination of procedures and meet all competencies of the Awareness level all core competencies of the awareness level chapter 5, all mission specific competencies for personal protective equipment (section 6.2), and all competencies in this section. Must work under the direction and supervision of a Hazardous Materials technician.

Planning the Response (Ref. NFPA 472-6.3.3)

- Selecting personal protective equipment for the mission specific under the guidance of the Hazardous Materials technician.
- Personnel should be able to identify and describe advantages and limitations for mass decon decontamination procedures to include isolation, dilution, and washing.
- Have the ability to recognize resources needed to determine the appropriate mass decon procedure.
- Have the ability to recognize what equipment will be needed for mass decon and how to implement it.
- Have the ability to communicate with crowds using procedures, equipment, safety precautions and crowd management techniques where a large number of people may be contaminated.

Implementing the Planned Response (Ref. NFPA 472-6.3.4)

- Demonstrate mass decon duties outlined by the incident action plan in accordance with local procedures for ambulatory and non-ambulatory patients.

Evaluation of Decon Effectiveness (Ref. NFPA 472-6.3.5)

- Have the ability to implement procedures according to the IAP and/or AHJ to evaluate the mass decon procedures.

Terminating the Incident (Ref. NFPA 472-6.3.6)

- Have the ability to identify and describe reports and supporting documentation, importance of exposure documentation and records, activity logs, and document and records filing and maintenance under the emergency response plan and/ or SOP's.

Competency Checklist for Mass Decon Operational Personnel

- ☐ Ability to perform a pre-donning safety inspection of all PPE.
- ☐ Select, don, work in, and doff class 3 ensemble.
- ☐ Select, don, work-in, and doff appropriate respiratory equipment.
- ☐ Demonstrate the ability to limit garment contamination while performing mass decon procedures.
- ☐ Ability under the emergency action plan to be able to make a visual identification of a control zone under a simulated environment.
- ☐ Ability to set up a mass decontamination system provided by your agency.
- ☐ Ability under the emergency action plan to be able to establish and setup a contamination reduction corridor in a simulated environment.
- ☐ Ability under the emergency action plan to be able to perform decontamination on response personnel, ambulatory and non-ambulatory victims, and self decontamination in a simulated environment.
- ☐ Demonstrate the ability to implement a decontamination security area, personnel and equipment flow patterns, run-off, slop over, and over-spray to reduce cross contamination and extension.

Student _____

Instructor _____

Date _____