

# HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM (HAZ MAT)

The Spartanburg County Hazardous Materials Response Team (HAZ MAT Team) is a locally formed and funded group of emergency personnel with developed knowledge and skills necessary to safely and effectively manage a hazardous materials incident. The haz-mat team has been combined with the Federal/State funded COBRA (Chemical, Ordinance, Biological and Radiological) Team, which was established for response to terrorist incidents. This combination enhances manpower availability, equipment resources and professional development for both teams.

### Financial Information

DEPT NUMBER: 1-9557	HAZ MAT TEAM						
	FY 04/05 ACTUAL	FY 05/06 ACTUAL	FY 06/07 BUDGET	FY 07/08 RECOMM	FY 07/08 ADOPTED	\$ INC/DEC FY 08 - 07	% INC/DEC FY 08 - 07
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personnel Services Expenditures	1,379	85,864	87,980	88,730	<b>92,140</b>	4,160	4.7%
Operating Expenditures	16,660	18,561	52,160	55,850	<b>55,850</b>	3,690	7.1%
Capital Expenditures	21,443	17,439	40,300	51,500	<b>51,500</b>	11,200	27.8%
Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0.0%
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,482</b>	<b>\$121,864</b>	<b>\$180,440</b>	<b>\$196,080</b>	<b>\$199,490</b>	<b>\$19,050</b>	<b>10.6%</b>

### Personnel Information

HAZ MAT TEAM	GRADE	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	*FY 06/07	FY 07/08 RECOMM	FY 07/08 ADOPTED	INC/DEC FY 08 - 07	EXEMPT (Y/N)
Fire Marshall	28	0	1	1	1	1	0	Y
<b>TOTAL, HAZ MAT TEAM</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	

\*Includes any changes made during FY 06/07

### FY 08 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

The Hazardous Materials Response Team (HAZ MAT) FY 08 Adopted Budget reflects the following changes and initiatives:

- Contract services are budgeted at \$10,100, a decrease of \$1,900 from FY 07 and include: state lease payments on one (1) emergency response vehicle, including fuel, repair, and insurance during the term of the lease, and 800 MHz radio equipment and satellite service on the Unified Command Center.
- Fire prevention and public education materials for the citizens of Spartanburg County are budgeted at \$1,000.
- Maintenance on the county siren warning system is budgeted at \$10,000.
- Replacement of sirens in the county's warning system is budgeted at \$45,000 (capital expenditure), an increase of \$15,000 over FY 07. Funding will provide for the replacement of three (3) warning sirens plus pole mounting.
- An upgrade of in-suit level "A" communications, critical for entry teams while operating in the "Hot Zone" is budgeted at \$6,500 (capital expenditure). Much of the in-suit communications equipment dates back to the early 1990's when the Team was formed.

### Ongoing Initiatives

- Hazardous vulnerability planning and preparedness.
- To respond to releases or potential releases of hazardous materials for the purpose of life preservation and incident stabilization.

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*(HAZ MAT TEAM CONTINUED)*

- To maintain a cache of equipment necessary for the stabilization of an incident involving a hazardous substance.
- Conduct associated training as required by the Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and other state and federal guidelines.
- Conduct annual exercises to reduce exposure to accidents and injuries.