

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

RENO

“The Hutchinson Fire Department has a Hazardous Materials Response Team that is available to all Fire / EMS/ and Law Enforcement Agencies in Reno County. When requested, the Haz-Mat Team will respond to the scene of an incident, or to a treatment facility to decontaminate affected children and adults. Also when requested, the Haz-mat. Team will evaluate the structure(s) where the children are living to determine if decontamination of the structure is needed. The Haz-mat Team will work with local and state health officials to determine if the structure is safe to reinhabit. The Haz-Mat Team or local fire department is not responsible for the cleanup of a contaminated site but may assist in the cleanup under certain conditions and can charge the responsible party for costs associated with mitigating the hazards under federal law.

Depending upon the location of the incident, the volunteer Fire Departments located outside of the City of Hutchinson and Reno County Fire District #2 may be requested to respond to the scene and provide gross decontamination (washing the victim down with a small fire hose). However, it is recommended to contact the Haz-Mat Team for most decontamination needs, (gross and secondary washes, decon solutions, on site personal showering, changes of clothing, collection of contaminated clothing, etc.)

In the event that the Fire Departments in Reno County are the first agency to identify the drug endangered child, the Incident Commander will immediately notify local law enforcement and EMS. If necessary and if requested by law enforcement Fire Department will notify local SRS authorities and initiate the decontamination process.”

HARVEY

Fire/EMS will respond to methamphetamine or other drug laboratories where children are present. The paramedics will assess the medical and contamination condition of the children, provide medical care if necessary, and transport the children to the hospital for a medical assessment. Decontamination of the child will occur at the scene prior to the transportation of the child to the hospital. Newton Fire/EMS will make all reports available for the preparation for trial. When applicable, law enforcement will provide a statement of services from Fire/EMS to the prosecutor for consideration of financial restitution.

Examination – If law enforcement personnel at the scene determine that the child has been exposed to any level of contamination, they shall make arrangements for transport of the child to the Newton Medical Center for further examination. Law enforcement, along with Fire/EMS, will decontaminate the child at the scene

prior to transporting the child to Newton Medical Center. If it is determined at the scene that the child has not been exposed to any level of contamination, the child may then be referred to Juvenile Intake for determination of temporary placement and for subsequent medical examination of the child.

RICE

Rice County has a Hazardous Materials Response Team that is available to all Fire/ EMS/ and Law Enforcement agencies in Rice County. When requested the Haz-Mat Team will respond to the scene of an incident, or to a treatment facility to decontaminate affected children and adults. Also, when requested, the Haz-Mat Team will evaluate the structure(s) where the children are living to determine if decontamination of the structure is needed. The Haz-Mat Team will work with local and state health officials to determine if the structure is safe to reinhabit. The Haz-Mat Team or local fire department is not responsible for cleanup under certain conditions and can charge responsible parties for costs associated with mitigating hazards under federal law.

The Haz Mat Team will make the Emergency Management decisions regarding such issues as requesting the Fire Department to respond to the scene and provide gross decontamination (washing down victims with a small fire hose) where the location of the incident merits this procedure. However, it is recommended to contact the Haz-Mat Team for most decontamination needs (gross and secondary washes, decon solutions, on site personnel showering, changes of clothing, collection of contaminated clothing, etc).

In the event that the Fire Department is the first agency to identify the drug-endangered child, the Incident Commander will immediately notify law enforcement and if requested will notify EMS and initiate decontamination processes.