

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

EXERCISE

HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL RELEASE

The “Hazardous Chemical Release” School exercise planning team selected objectives that focus on evaluating emergency response procedures, identifying areas for improvement, and achieving a collaborative attitude. This exercise will focus on the following objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Evaluate the ability of the Lafayette County School District, the Lighthouse Christen Academy, the Lafayette County Sheriff’s Office and other response agencies to implement Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) in response to an emergency incident on both public and private school property.
- **Objective 2:** Evaluate the coordinated primary *response* activities (of the Sheriff’s Office, the County and Town of Mayo Volunteer Fire Departments, the School District and other response and support agencies).
- **Objective 3:** Evaluate the corresponding *response and support* activities (emergency notification, emergency dispatch and incident communication, on-scene coordination and information-sharing)

Lafayette County - Overarching Exercise Objectives:

Objective 1: Evaluate the Lafayette County High School’s and the Lighthouse Christen Academy’s Administrative Staff’s implementation of essential response procedures in accordance with the *Lafayette District School’s Security Procedures Manual* (Revised January 2007) and the Lighthouse Christen Academy’s Emergency Response Plan during the “Hazardous Chemical Release” Exercise.

- Evaluate the schools safety plan that establishes emergency and safety procedures for school employees and students to follow. At a minimum, the plan addresses;
 - Evaluation of the principal’s performance regarding school safety, monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the plan at the school level, and coordinating with local law enforcement and the Department of Juvenile Justice;
 - Roles and responsibilities of the school principal and other administrators, teachers, and other school personnel for restoring, if necessary, and maintaining a safe, secure, and orderly school environment;
 - Roles and responsibilities of the transportation staff for restoring, if necessary, and maintaining a safe, secure, disciplined, and orderly transportation environment;

- Goals and objectives of the school resource officers, if any;
- Mechanisms for identifying and serving the needs of students most at risk for engaging in disruptive and disorderly behavior;
- Arrangements to work with local emergency officials;
- Safety issues and policies at school-sponsored events; and
- Processes by which the district will instruct parents and the local community as to how to respond to an emergency situation.

Objective 2: Evaluate the ability of the Lafayette County Sheriff's Office and other County departments/agencies to provide integrated response and support services during a Hazardous Chemical Release incident.

Objective 3: Evaluate the implementation and use of the Incident Command System (ICS) and the unique challenges associated with a "no-notice" incident of short duration.

- a. IC/UC is established by school or law enforcement personnel (if response time warrants)
- b. Transfer of Command is accomplished and communicated to all first responders and support personnel as warranted by the event
- c. On-scene and dispatch communications capabilities exist an emergency communications plan is available.
- d. Incident Action Plan (IAP) is developed and communicated to all responders and support (verbal or Written)
- e. Operational Objectives in the Plan are communicated to appropriate responders supporting the event
- f. Operational periods are established and relief resources are identified, as needed
- g. Integrated Communications Plan is developed (if necessary)
- h. ICS Command Staff and General Staff positions are designated and authority for key functions is delegated to the appropriate position
- i. ICS facilities are designated, as appropriate (Staging area, Incident Command Post, etc.)