

Union County Standard Operating Guidelines  
**Special Operations**

**Special Operations, SOG 4.14**

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**ROADWAY OPERATIONS**

I. Response

- 1) Fire Dispatcher shall dispatch the appropriate assignment.
  - A. Fires involving vehicles with known or suspected hazardous materials on board shall be dispatched as a Hazmat assignment. Consider using 6% AFFF when fighting a fuel fire. Request Fire Dispatcher to dispatch Honda Foam trailer and EMA Hazmat Trailer if necessary.
- 2) Anytime the information received indicates a situation may require additional resources the OIC should request additional equipment, more alarms or special call (i.e. Rescues, Engines, Tankers, Manpower, Foam, etc.).

II. Procedure

- 1) Upon Arrival
  - A. Give the standard condition report, which should also include the exact location of the incident.
  - B. If other responding apparatus are approaching from an opposite direction, every effort should be made to inform the other responding apparatus of the best approach.
  - C. If possible, place apparatus between the emergency scene and the oncoming traffic flow (for protection of personnel operating on the scene).
  - D. Place apparatus out of flow of spilled chemicals, flammable liquids, and run-off water (normally this would be upgrade, upwind from the incident).
  - E. Request the response of City Police, State Highway Patrol, or Sheriff (if not already done by Fire Dispatcher) and coordinate with them upon their arrival.
  - F. Action taken prior to determining the product involved may be totally wrong and may severely compound the problem.
- 2) Safety
  - A. During Roadway operations, personnel shall wear appropriate protective clothing for the incident at hand taking in consideration their task assignment.
  - B. Personnel should constantly remain aware of traffic and shall exercise caution when operating at the scene.

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- C. Personnel should be aware of the topography of the section of roadway on which they are operating. This can affect the flow of flammable and hazardous materials.
- D. Personnel must be aware that storm drains on the roadway and run-off may lead into sewer systems, ditches, or small streams that could spread the contamination.