

Grand Rapids Fire Dept. Hazardous Materials Team

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Deputy Chief - Operations Division





Overview

- HazMat Team Leadership
 - Battalion Chief Kathy Thompson
 - Captain Justin Steeby
 - Captain Matt Dumond
- 36 - HazMat Technicians
- Martin Luther King Jr. Fire Station
 - HazMat 1
 - Primary Response (cross-staffed)
 - HazMat 2
 - Secondary Response (cross-staffed)
- Engine 2
- Platform 2

Response Disciplines

- HazMat Technician - 80 hrs.
- Public Safety Sampling - 24 hrs.
- Railcar Technician - 40 hrs.
- Highway Cargo Technician - 40 hrs.
- Chemistry - 48 hrs.
- HazMat Officer - 32 hrs.
- “HazMat IQ” Technician - 8 hrs.
- Advanced Air Monitoring - 24 hrs.



Response Apparatus

HazMat 1

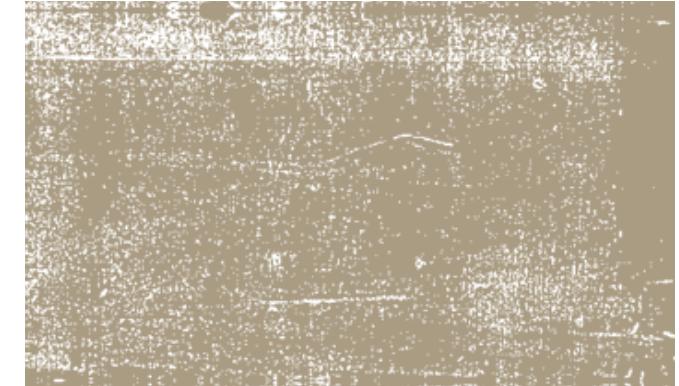


HazMat 2



2024/2025 Statistics

- Implemented Lithium-Battery Response SOG
- Responses
 - 2024 = 9 HazMat Team responses
 - 2025 = 24 HazMat Team responses
 - 10 lithium-ion battery responses



2024/2025 Training Statistics

- Training
 - FDNY Lithium-Battery collaboration
 - HazMat Tech = 1
 - HazMat Officer = 4
 - Chemistry = 2
 - MI HazMat Responder Conference = 11
 - Advanced Air Monitoring = 5
 - Regional Training Exercise = 14





CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS STRATEGIC PLAN

UPDATED OCTOBER 2022
ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED APRIL 2019



Strategic Plan Alignment

- Strategic Priority: Safe Community
- The City's Strategic Plan (updated October 2022) identifies Safe Community as one of six high-level priorities. The defined outcome is that “all people feel safe and are safe at all times throughout our community.”
- The HazMat Team falls directly under this priority by:
 - Providing specialized response services that protect lives, property, and the environment during a hazardous materials release.
 - Enhancing overall community safety through rigorous training and readiness for hazardous materials incidents.



Future Plans

- MABAS re-accreditation
- Increase gas leak identification capabilities
- Replacement of frontline hazmat apparatus
- Continue to match emergency response capabilities to emerging community risks