

Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)



You are working as a Captain on Engine 1 in the city's downtown area. You are dispatched to an explosion at a church.

Eyewitness reports describe a group dressed in black wearing gas masks that released something that caused a small explosion. Numerous people are down inside of the building.

You encounter 8 victims that are complaining of shortness of breath. People are evacuating in mass.

1. What resources would you call for to assist with your incident?
2. What Operational steps would you take?
3. How would you perform field decontamination?

4. What resource could you use to identify the product?

5. The victims are complaining of tightness in the chest, difficulty breathing, runny nose, and salivation. Many are unconscious and some are having seizures. What is the product?

6. Describe the acronym commonly associated with affected victims in a Chemical terrorist event?

7. When would you direct your members to inject themselves with the Mark 1 injector?

8. Would you use YOUR Mark1 kit for a civilian who is exhibiting signs of SLUDGE?

9. Who would be the lead agency in the Incident Command?

Suggested Answers

1. What resources would you call for to assist with your incident?
 - PD
 - Haz Mat teams
 - Health Department
 - FBI
 - Civil Support Team
 - Decontamination rig
 - Terrorism Early Warning Group

2. What Operational steps would you take:

- Initiate field decontamination
- Declare MCI
- Declare a terrorist event
- Begin Triage
- Set up treatment areas

3. How would you perform field decontamination?

Lay a supply line to a hydrant. Open the monitor (deck gun) and direct all ambulatory patients to remove their clothing and walk under the stream. This will remove 90% of the chemical. Do not commit your personnel into the area until you have more information and proper protective clothing.

4. What resource could you use to identify the product?

- Emergency Response guidebook
- Jane's Chem. Bio
- Chemtrek
- Terrorism Early Warning Group
- Base Station

5. The victims are complaining of tightness in the chest, difficulty breathing runny nose, and salivation. Many are unconscious and some are having seizures. What is the product?

6. Describe the acronym commonly associated with affected victims in a Chemical terrorist event?

- S – Salivation
- L- Lacrimation
- U – Urination
- D – Defecation
- G – Gastro intestinal
- E – Emesis

7. When would you direct your members to inject themselves with the Mark 1 injector?

If they were exhibiting two of the SLUDGE signs.

8. Would you use YOUR Mark1 kit for a civilian who is exhibiting signs of SLUDGE?

No, they are for firefighters only.

9. Who would be the lead agency in the Incident Command System?

Initially Fire but would soon become a Unified Command with:

- a. Fire
- b. PD (Law)
- c. Health