

NEBRASKA TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TIMEX FIELD EXERCISE

Station 1, Scene B: Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Spill

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Crash Scene Overview

On a weekday afternoon, you are dispatched to a report of a semi-truck vs. car crash on the interstate. The caller said that a person was ejected from the vehicle and is lying motionless near it. They also said that several barrels came out of the truck's trailer and are spilling some kind of liquid in the median. When you arrive, you notice that the vehicles are blocking all lanes in one direction of the interstate, but the other direction is flowing freely, although slowly. There is no cable median barrier present, and the closest highway interchanges are one mile downstream of the crash and three miles upstream of the crash. The weather is clear and calm, but there is a forecast of heavy storms overnight.

Learning Objectives

After participating in this field exercise, you will be able to:

- Recognize signs and markings associated with hazardous materials
- Identify what the simulated hazardous material is for this scenario
- Utilize the [Emergency Response Guidebook \(ERG\)](#) to determine the initial isolation distance and establish response priorities
- Identify additional needed resources and agencies to notify of spills
- Demonstrate a proper windshield size-up of the scene
- Demonstrate good communication, cooperation, and collaboration with additional responders and emergency communications