**CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Village and Township of Clinton, Michigan

Policy: Response to Known Clandestine Drug Labs

**Policy # 216**

**NOTE:** This policy is for a minimum of HAZMAT Operation trained level personnel. The Incident Commander of any Hazardous Material Incident involving the Clinton Fire Department shall have all Incident Command Training including: ICS for the Fire Service, NIMS – 100, 200, 700, 300, 400, and be Hazardous Material Awareness Level, Hazardous Material Operation Level, Clandestine Drug Lab Training and Fire Officer II Level, this is minimum training required. We do have Hazardous Material Technician Level personnel on the scene and at the least these members shall be working directly with IC.

**I. PURPOSE:**

a. To establish operations level personnel guidelines for tactical procedures for response to Known Clandestine Drug labs.

**II. PROCEDURES:**

a. The Incident Commander:

i. First officer or unit arriving shall establish a staging area not less than 2500 feet away from the involved structure or vehicle (i.e. utilizing time, distance and shielding). Command shall be established by name, and direct responding units to report to the staging area. The Fire Department incident commander shall then take all local communications to another available channel (frequency). The Fire Department incident commander shall report to the Police Incident commander to establish a unified Command.

b. The First Arriving Engine:

i. Upon arrival the driver shall position the apparatus in staging. The officer on the apparatus shall then advise the Fire Department incident commander of their position and number of firefighters.

c. The Second Arriving Engine (if Dispatched)

i. The second arriving engine unless otherwise directed shall establish a water supply remote from the staging area. The second engine shall advise the Fire Department incident commander of their location and state of readiness.

**III. General Information:**

a. Communication via radios shall not be utilized unless authorized by the Incident Command. This is for the protection of the Police, Firefighters and EMS personnel.

b. Personnel shall not respond to the scene in their personal vehicles.

**IV. Decon and Rescue:**

a. All rescues will begin with decon before any treatment or transport. This is to be considered a highly hazardous condition. HAZMAT operations trained personnel must be applied here. (All personnel must have HAZMAT operations level training)

**V. Response to Fire:**

a. Response to a fire involving a suspected Clan Lab shall be treated as a HAZMAT fire and possibly explosive.

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