

Buechel Fire Protection District

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Title: **Hazardous Communication Program**

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1.	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>The main goal of the Hazard Communication Program is to inform and train firefighters about chemical hazards and how to protect themselves from these hazards. This procedure states our District Hazard Communication Program.</p>
2.	<p><u>Scope</u></p> <p>The Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a standard in November, 1983, called the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard. The purpose of the Standard is to insure that, the hazards of all chemicals, produced or imported, are evaluated by the chemical manufacturers or importers, and that information concerning their hazards is transmitted to affected firefighters.</p>
3.	<p><u>Requirements</u></p> <p>A. OSHA Requirements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. OSHA requires that a Written Hazard Communication Program contain the following:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) A list of hazardous chemicals and the location of the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS's).b) A description of how MSDS's will be obtained.c) A description of how containers of hazardous chemicals in the workplace will be identified.d) A description of how training will be conducted for both routine and non-routine or restricted tasks.2. In addition, the OSHA Standard requires that firefighters be provided the following information and training:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Identify any operations in the station where hazardous chemicals are present.b) The location of the Written Hazard Communication Program.c) The location of the list of hazardous chemicals and the MSDS'.d) Explanation of the labeling system and the MSDS.e) Methods and observations that may be used to detect the presence or release of a hazardous chemical.f) The physical and health hazards of the chemicals.g) Measures that can be taken for firefighters to protect themselves from the hazardous chemicals, including work practices, emergency

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	<p>procedures, and personal protective equipment.</p> <p>B. Hazardous Chemical Listing</p> <p>An inventory of chemicals and other hazards present in the station was compiled.</p> <p>C. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are maintained for all chemicals.</p> <p>D. Identification of Hazardous Chemical Containers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Labels and other forms of warning are used in the workplace to alert the members to the material that is within a container, and to serve as an immediate reminder of the hazards associated with that material. A label is not designed to replace or substitute for an MSDS.2. The form of signs, placards, or other appropriate indicators. Labels must be used to indicate hazardous chemicals that are contained in any bag, barrel, bottle, box, can cylinder, drum, reaction vessel, storage tank, etc.