

## SHELBYVILLE FIRE & RESCUE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES



**SECTION: Operations**  
**SUBJECT: Mitigation (Fluid Spills)**

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### ***Purpose:***

The SFD is frequently called to respond to auto accident scenes for the purpose of mitigating adverse environmental effects from spills of automotive fluids. The purpose of this procedure is to comply with applicable regulations and rules pertaining to the release of hazardous materials incidents.

### ***Procedure:***

1. Response of units shall be done in accordance with established response procedures.
2. All mitigation incidents shall be presumed to be of a non-emergency nature unless otherwise determined by the Incident Commander.
3. When arriving at the scene of accidents, caution shall be taken to ensure a safe working environment for responders.
4. Occasionally accident scenes may be treated by law enforcement agencies as crime scenes. Unless necessary for public safety purposes, no debris shall be neither moved, nor absorbent materials be used, unless approved by the police officer in-charge or conducting the investigation.
5. If the fluid(s) spilled exceed reportable quantities, the appropriate hazardous materials incident level shall be declared through radio.
6. When approved by the police officer conducting the accident investigation, absorbent materials may be applied to spilled fluids.
7. After the absorbent has had sufficient time to absorb the spilled fluids, the absorbent is to be placed in heavy-duty trash bags and properly disposed of.