

**FIRE FIGHTERS GUIDANCE NOTE # 6-15****ISSUE:    RESPONDING TO CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL,  
RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR (CBRN) TERRORISM  
INCIDENTS**

There exists a real potential for firefighters to be called upon, to respond to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Terrorism Incidents. Even though these incidents may occur infrequently there is a need for Fire Departments to take deliberate action to ensure firefighter safety is addressed.

The following details should be considered:

- At a minimum all firefighters should receive awareness training to recognize a CBRN terrorism incident and to implement self-protective measures.
- SOP/OG's should identify what role firefighters are expected to fulfill in an emergency response to a potential CBRN terrorism incident. An operations level of response should only be contemplated if the Municipality has provided the mandate, resources and training for such.
- Incident commanders should have access to a contact list of Municipal, Provincial and Federal Government resources that can assist your municipality with the crisis and consequence management of a CBRN terrorism incident.

**Pre-planning for CBRN terrorism incidents should contemplate a joint response by Fire, Police, Ambulance, Medical Officer of Health, local Hospitals, Public Transportation, and Works Departments.**