



## Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams Fact Sheet



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Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams (RHMERT)																																																											
<b>II. Location:</b>																																																											
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HM03 Gresham/Multnomah Co	HM09 Tualatin Valley																																																										
HM04 Klamath/Lake	HM10 Hermiston																																																										
HM05 Linn/Benton	HM11 Astoria																																																										
HM13 Salem	HM14 Ontario																																																										
HM15 Coos Bay																																																											
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<b>VI. History</b>																																																											
<p>In 1989, the Oregon Legislature authorized the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to establish a statewide Hazardous Materials Emergency Response system. Oregon was the first state in the nation to respond to the hazardous materials response crisis, created by new federal standards, with a statewide Hazardous Materials Emergency Response system. There are 13 teams strategically located statewide and consist primarily of career and volunteer firefighters, and include some law enforcement and public works employees. Team members attend a minimum of 160 hours of specialized training to become hazardous material technicians. This program is based on a partnership with local government, the Office of State Fire Marshal, and industry wherein resources are shared to create a program that is both economical and successful.</p>																																																											
<b>VII. Capabilities</b>																																																											
<p>The 13 regional teams provide hazardous material emergency response to incidents that exceed the resources of local jurisdictions. They are a technical resource for local incident commanders. Team members are trained to the technician level and are equipped to provide different levels of response. Teams are prepared for response to petrochemical highway incidents, as well as supporting response partners at biological, radiological, and explosive incidents. The teams provide outreach training to local responders and industry to ensure communities are prepared to respond to a hazardous materials incident and create safer communities.</p>																																																											
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### Mission Statement

*The mission of the Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams is to protect life and the environment by responding to chemical emergencies and minimizing the dangers associated with them.*