

# NEW HAVEN AREA SPECIAL HAZARDS TEAM

DEMHS REGION 2 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS  
RESPONSE TEAM

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### **NEW HAVEN AREA SPEICAL HAZARDS TEAM DEPLOYMENT EXERCISE**

WALLINGFORD, CT. JULY 29, 2008: The New Haven Area Special Hazards Team will conduct a field exercise for the regions' fire, rescue, EMS and hazardous materials technicians on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 pm to 8:30pm on Bic Drive in Milford, CT. This session will focus on the deployment capabilities and functional use of resources maintained by the regional hazardous materials response unit during a simulated hazardous materials release.

This multi-jurisdictional team is composed of fire, law enforcement and private industry personnel specially trained to plan for, respond to and mitigate incidents involving hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction (WMD) agents. The unit is made up of five core teams, supplemented by additional resources and covers the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS)

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Region 2; a thirty community area. Participating agencies will include: Hamden, New Haven Fire and Police, Milford, Guilford, Derby and Wallingford Fire Departments and CYTEC Inc. During this exercise, representatives from each agency will be assigned roles and responsibilities common to mitigating hazmat/WMD incidents; much of the equipment to be deployed has been provided to first responders by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security or purchased using funds made available through State Homeland Security Grants and the federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Program.

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