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PURPOSE and BENEFITS OF THE HAZ-MAT INSPECTION PROGRAM

It has been often asked what the purpose and benefits are to the agencies managing a hazardous materials response team program to participate in the Cal/EMA Fire & Rescue Haz-Mat Team Typing Inspection program.

In brief:

- Encourages and reinforces the use of the FIRESCOPE Standardized Equipment List (SEL)
- Establishes a standardized platform for equipment throughout the State based on performance
- Encourages and reinforces the use of the CSTI certified Hazardous Materials Technician and Specialist training curriculums
- Inspection process quantifies and verifies accurate measure of Haz-Mat Team "Type"
- Meets and exceeds the Haz-Mat Team Typing criteria of FEMA Target Capabilities
- Typed teams officially recognized, and added to State Haz-Mat Mutual Aid Roster
- Request for resources is standardized and is in keeping with the State Mutual Aid Plan
- Dependable haz-mat resource lists are maintained in Operational Area Dispatch Centers
- Assembly of Haz-Mat Team resources follows FIRESCOPE protocols and FOG
- Builds confidence and continuity among all participating Typed teams
- Increases opportunities for future equipment grant applications