

## FY 2020 Hazardous Materials Team Report

This past year saw some changes in Hazardous Materials Response due to multiple retirements. The team continues to use a Tier 1 through Tier 5 response, including the joint incident response team (JHIRT). JHIRT can be used when communities respond to a suspicious package incident or a clandestine lab investigation. This response level is designed to give communities a quicker response to incidents that may not necessarily need a full response. Having seen this response level in action, I can attest to its value.

This year has been difficult because of COVID 19 concerns, but the steering committee has met virtually to discuss and recommend new personnel to fill vacancies. We will continue meeting virtually as needed for the foreseeable future.