



## Roosevelt Fire District

**Section:**  
Operations

**Policy:**  
Hazardous Communications Program and SDS sheets

### **Introduction:**

This manual is provided for each members' use to maintain the highest level of awareness of the policies of the Roosevelt Fire District regarding safe operations at emergency situations and in the fire station s.

Contained herein are the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for all known hazardous materials that could be encountered by our members while performing their duties in our facilities.

It is each members' responsibility to take the time to read and understand the contents of this manual. Training sessions will be conducted to cover this material yearly, The Safety Committee is available to assist the officers at each station with any questions or problems that they might have regarding this material. The Safety Committee of the Roosevelt Fire District will as needed provide the necessary updates of the SDS.

Our policy is to perform work in the safest manner possible. The Roosevelt Fire District strives to provide the safest possible working conditions for its employees. The District also requires that each member acknowledge in writing that they have received a briefing on this program and that they have agreed to follow all directions written, verbal and visual pertaining to this program. The written Hazardous Communication Program will be available to all employees.

The purpose of the Hazardous Communication Program is to inform employees of the Occupation Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) which requires that employees be informed concerning hazards from which chemicals that they may encounter at the workplace and the appropriate protective measures they can take. The objective of the Hazardous Communication Program is:

1. To safeguard our employee's health by providing a management guide for safe compliance.
2. To provide our employees, subcontractors and vendors with the necessary information concerning health and physical hazards of the chemical materials in use in the work place.

The major elements of this Hazardous Communication Program are:

1. Listing all the chemical products used at the District work places or stored on District property.
2. Hazard identification of all chemicals in use or at District workplaces.
3. Labeling of all containers of chemicals used.
4. Provide Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for all hazardous chemicals used by the District
5. Identify operations or tasks in the employees' work area that use hazardous Chemicals.
6. Training of employees in the safe handling, uses and storage of chemicals. This will be covered in the yearly Haz-Mat drill and station safetydrill.

All Company Captains are to ensure compliance with this Program.

The District Equipment Officer, or their designated delegate, shall be responsible for seeing that all containers delivered at District workplaces are properly labeled.

The Hazardous Communication program relies on Safety Data Sheets. (SOS) from suppliers for the purpose of hazard determination. Employees will be trained in the use of SDS and their locations.