



FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT
DIVISION CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

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INSTRUCTIONAL BULLETIN #13-25

TO: All Fire and Rescue Personnel
FROM: Kurtis R. Wilson, Division Chief of Fire Operations *KRW*
RE: **Abandoned Hazardous Materials on JFRD Property**

There are numerous local, state, and federal laws governing hazardous materials sites, storage, and uses. Enforcing these laws is our local Environmental Quality Division (formally known as BIO), Florida Department of Environment or F.D.E.P., and the federal Environmental Protection Agency or E.P.A. One issue facing many property owners is abandoned hazardous materials. Current federal law states the property owner is responsible for clean-up and remediation, even if the hazardous material did not belong to the property owner.

Effective immediately

If any JFRD member notices any *abandoned* hazardous materials substances on JFRD or COJ property, please report your findings to your O.I.C., followed by the appropriate District or Battalion Chief, followed by notifying our Hazardous Materials Coordinator, Lt. John Scott P-23, either through Fire Comm or by phone at 630-0445.

Examples include but are not limited to: old paint cans, containers of mercury, and 55 gallon drums containing a product such as fuel, oil or other substances.