

**SUMMARY STATEMENT FOR MEDIA**

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT**

(To be adapted according to the situation.)

At approximately \_\_\_\_am/pm today, a spill/release of a potentially hazardous substance was reported to this office by (a private citizen, city employee, etc.) . (Police/Fire) units were immediately dispatched to cordon off the area and direct traffic. The material was later determined to be (describe), a (hazardous/harmless) (chemical, gas, substance, material) which, upon contact, may produce symptoms of \_\_\_\_\_.

Precautionary evacuation of the (immediate/X-block) area surrounding the spill was (requested/required) by (agency) .

Approximately (number) persons were evacuated.

Clean-up crews from (agency/company) were dispatched to the scene and normal traffic had resumed by (time) , at which time residents were allowed to return to their homes.

There were no injuries reported -OR- \_\_\_\_\_ persons, including (fire/police) personnel, were treated at area hospitals for \_\_\_\_\_ and (all/number) were later released.

Those remaining in the hospital are in \_\_\_\_\_ condition.

Response agencies involved were \_\_\_\_\_.