

## **BY-LAWS FOR NEW HAVEN AREA SPECIAL HAZARDS TEAM**

### **I. Statement of Purpose**

The New Haven Area Special Hazards Team (NHASH) has been established to aid and assist Member Town Fire Departments and other public safety agencies, within their areas of jurisdiction, in the handling of any Hazardous Materials Incidents.

### **II. Membership Roster**

NHASH will cover all communities in the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Region II.

### **III. Types of Assistance**

Training  
Equipment  
Joint Purchasing  
Standardized Operations  
Standardized Terminology  
Information  
Technical Advice

### **IV. Mutual Aid**

Towns and Cities providing resources agree to a mutual aid agreement covering their designated representatives and to state such agreements in writing. Copies of said agreements shall be on file with NHASH and also with each member Town and City.

### **V. Training and Activities Record Keeping**

Training records and Response activity files shall be maintained for each individual by their Town and City. All exposure records shall be maintained as prescribed by law.

### **VI. Operations**

NHASH shall operate under established procedures approved by the Board. Operations shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and accepted practices.

### **VII. By-Law Amendments or Additions.**

Additional By-Laws will be adopted and amendments will be made when the following conditions are satisfied:

1. Recommendations by members or Member Town or City Chiefs providing that a 2/3 affirmative vote is cast by the Member Chiefs in attendance at the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Member Chiefs.
2. Additions and changes will distributed prior to the Chiefs.

VIII. Annual Equipment Inventory

There shall be annual inventory of NHASH equipment published and distributed to all member Departments. All equipment shall be labeled so as not to be confused with member Department equipment.

IX. Organizational Table

1. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be all the Fire Chiefs or their respective designee from each Member Town or City. In multiple district municipalities, the chief elected official shall appoint one (1) Chief to represent the Town, City or Municipality for voting purposes.

2. Official Meetings

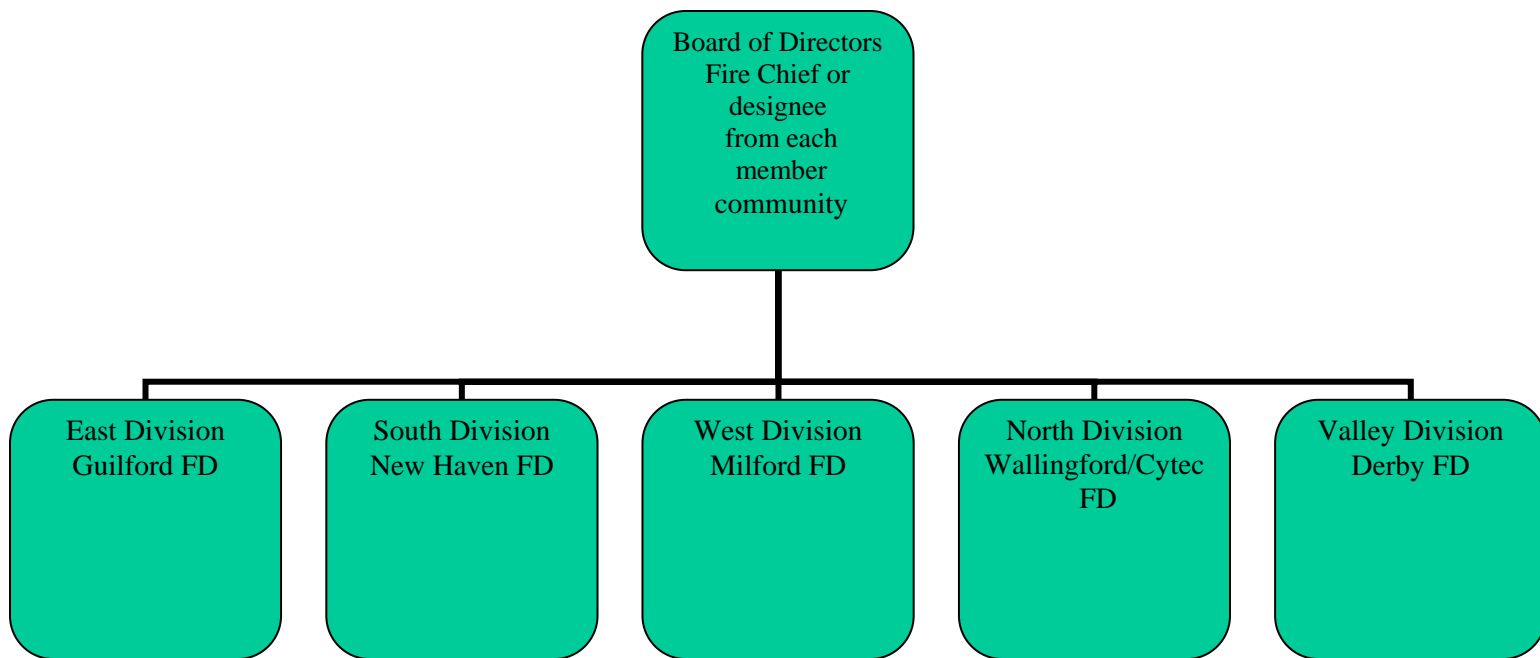
A quorum of a majority of member Towns who provide resources to NHASH must be present to be recognized as an official meeting.

3. Voting

Each Town/City shall have one (1) vote only.

4. Technicians will be assigned in one of five divisions.

5. Organizational Table



Sub-Committees may be formed for the following areas:

- Training
- Operations
- Safety
- Equipment
- Standard Operating Procedures
- Communications
- By- Laws

Additional committees shall be formed as needed and approved by the Board Membership.

X. Funding

If applicable, the person and/or persons, the property, and/or owner causing the incident will be held responsible for all costs incurred by the Unit, including damaged equipment, materials used and labor expended by the Unit.

XI. Physical Examinations

All Haz-Mat Technician engaged in Haz-Mat Incident activities are required to have a Physical Examination to meet our responsibilities and standards. The examination shall include all areas as defined under OSHA regulations. **There are no exceptions to this requirement.**