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1. Require expert support at the local or state level for first responders. There needs to be a resource that has identified training in all the hazard areas including chemical and other exposures that is available to assist in communication, surveillance, environmental and occupational questions for the first responders and to refer the issues.
2. LEPC's and all folks involved in emergency response in each region of the state must have at least yearly meetings to discuss capacity and who does what.
3. More formal training in HAZMAT for first responders from experts in radiological, biological and chemical exposure (not Incident Commanders). Chemical and other specialized public health training is not an Incident Commanders expertise.

I didn't see a lot in the document on structure, integration and training needs that would improve safety of the first responders.

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