

- Family members
- Bystanders
- Perpetrators
- Pets

React:

- Flee
- Get rid of cumbersome equipment
- Take cover and conceal

Key Words and Concepts:

Contamination – the introduction of dangerous chemicals, disease, or infectious materials

Critical Incident Stress Management – CISM – A comprehensive system that includes education and resources to both prevent stress and to deal with stress appropriately when it occurs

Decontamination – The removal or cleansing of dangerous chemicals and other dangerous or infectious materials

Hazardous Material Incident – the release of a harmful substance into the environment

Multiple-Casualty Incident - an emergency involving multiple patients

Pathogens – the organisms that cause infection, such as viruses and bacteria

Personal Protective Equipment – PPE – Equipment that protects the EMS worker from infection and or exposure to the dangers of rescue operations

Standard Precautions – A strict form of infection control that is based on the assumption that all blood and other body fluids are infectious

Stress – a state of physical and or physiological arousal to a stimulus