

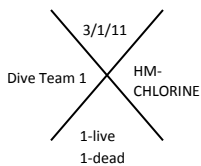
WAYNE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

SEARCH MARKING SYSTEM

Using orange tape, spray paint or lumber crayon, lines shall be made in 2-foot lengths.

／ Search operations are currently in progress.

× Personnel have exited the structure.



Left quadrant - Team identifier

Top quadrant - Time and date team left the structure

Right quadrant - Hazards found

Bottom Quadrant - Number of live and dead victims still

Inside the structure. *(written in black marker or lumber crayon)*

STRUCTURE MARKING SYSTEM

Using orange tape, spray paint or lumber crayon draw a 2-foot box. Then use the box to alert subsequent rescuers to building conditions or earlier findings.

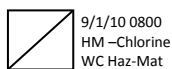
Damage is minor with little danger of further collapse. Structure is safe for search and rescue operations

Damage is significant. Shoring, bracing or removal of hazards is necessary.

Structure is not safe for search and rescue operations. Remote search operations may proceed at significant risk. Safe havens and evacuation routes should be established.

← Direction to safely enter building.

HM Hazardous material is present. Type of hazard may also be noted.



Write date, time, hazardous materials present and team identification on the right-hand side of the box. For example, this building was searched Sept. 1, 2010 at 0800 hrs., chlorine was found, and the search was conducted by Wayne County Haz-Mat.

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search and Rescue Task Force System.

This page should be laminated and incorporated into your response gear for future reference.