

## Hazmat Team Responds after Body Found in Home

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North Little Rock — The North Little Rock Fire Department hazardous materials team removed unknown chemicals from a home where a body was discovered this afternoon, authorities said.

Pulaski County Coroner Garland Camper said officials believe the resident - whose name has not been released - mixed the chemicals together and then inhaled them in an apparent suicide. A note left at the house in the 700 block of Orange Street advised authorities to call in the hazmat team.

North Little Rock Fire Department spokesman Lt. Mark Shoemaker said the property manager went inside earlier today after learning the resident had not been seen in some time.

The manager reportedly discovered the body as well as a note that "alluded to the fact that the hazmat team was needed," Shoemaker said.

The team then went in and found a bucket of unknown chemicals.

Police blocked off Orange Street to pedestrian and vehicle traffic and set up a taped perimeter around the house. Officials did not evacuate any nearby homes, however.

Source: <http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2010/mar/25/hazmat-team-responds-after-body-found-home/>



Members of the North Little Rock Fire Department hazardous materials team enter a home where a body and a bucket of unknown chemicals were found Thursday. Photo by Gavin Lesnick, Arkansas Online

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## Another Chemical Suicide – This Time in a House

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A property manager discovered the body while checking on the renter who had not be seen in awhile. A note was found nearby indicating a hazmat team was needed.

The North Little Rock Arkansas Fire Department Hazmat Team responded. The team removed a bucket of chemicals that had been mixed together in an apparent suicide attempt.

Although most chemical suicides occur in cars, responders should be on guard for a possible chemical suicide on all EMS, runs including man down or welfare check type calls.

In many instances, but not all, the victim has left a warning note for responders. Although responders should always look for the presence of a note, don't bet your life on the kindness of stranger. Stay alert, and when in doubt, don your bunker gear and SCBA.

Source: <http://firespecialops.com/2010/03/28/another-chemical-suicide-this-time-in-a-house/>