Best Practices Natural Gas Response

Phases Diagram

-ARRIVAL--APPROACH--RESPONDING **PHASE** "Window Survey" "Hot Zone Assessment" **EVALUATION** Dispatch info • Location, size, duration of leak • Proper PPE, SCBA, & Air Monitor & RBA Wind direction Structures involved & types Don SCBA if 20% of LEL is: (1) confirmed by monitor --or-- (2) highly suspected. Topography Structure proximity to leak Occupancy size/type Gas migration potential • Hightened awareness of crew location Interior/Exterior Appropriate resources • Awareness of changing concentration levels • Possible migration & saturated areas Supply/pressure Life safety concerns Est. duration & saturation Continuous RBA Continuous RBA **ACTIONS** Activate Air Monitors • Size-up (incl. "Natural Gas") Determine action thresholds: • Establish Initial Isolation Perimeter • EVACUATION: At or Above 20% of LEL in structure Adjust Isolation Perimeter • MITIGATION: Up to 50% of LEL --or-- as RBA allows. • Identify/minimize ignition sources VENTILATION • Interview responsible persons. **SATURATION AND SPREAD** SOLATION PERIME **HOT ZONE**

