Information Needed:

1. Type and route of exposure.
2. Length of time and concentration or dose of exposure.
3. Possible risks to responders.
4. Protection needed for responders.

Treatment:

1. Access Hazmat team or knowledge base.
2. After precautions against contamination spread and secondary victims taken, take vital signs and apply O2 at least 2 l/min flow.
3. Consider Albuterol/Atrovent neb for wheezing or respiratory difficulty.
4. Cardiac monitor.
5. Treat any unstable arrhythmia.
6. IV access and give antidote if indicated. If altered mental status check glucose.
7. Call ED to prepare decontamination room.

Notes

1. If a hazardous material is suspected but type cannot be identified, take full body exposure precautions.
2. If first responder(s) become symptomatic, try to determine the route of exposure.
3. Personal safety is paramount. The victim is not helped if YOU become a victim.