



WARE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guideline

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SOG Title: Emergency Evacuation of Building/Area		
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Purpose: To set a procedure in which crews can be notified of an extremely hazardous condition so that they can immediately evacuate an area/building and be accounted for.

Scope: Applies to all department members, and members of mutual aid departments.

Application:

- When an extremely hazardous condition exists that requires the immediate emergency evacuation of personnel, the Incident Commander, Operations Sector Officer, Safety Officer, or Interior Officer will transmit the order to evacuate and for the apparatus to sound air horns.
- The evacuation order will be transmitted over the radio and the fire department dispatch shall repeat the evacuation order over the base radio and transmit a general tone over the pager system.
- At any other time, the decision to evacuate shall be made by the Operations Sector Officer or the Incident Commander.
- Upon receiving the order to evacuate, all apparatus drivers will sound their air horns for one continuous blast of at least 30 (thirty) seconds.
- As soon as crews operating inside the building/area hear the radio transmission or air horns, they shall immediately exit the building/area and report in person to the Operations Sector, Officer, or the Incident Commander.
- The Incident Commander shall request a Personnel Accountability Report (PAR) check as soon as practical.
- If firefighter is not accounted for the rapid intervention team shall be notified and every effort to locate firefighters last known position will be forwarded to the Incident Commander.