

EMERGENCY EVACUATION – STRUCTURE FIRE

Purpose:

To provide a guideline for the safe and timely removal of personnel during an emergency evacuation of a structure.

Issuing an Evacuation:

- A. In the event a special hazard is found that puts or may put personnel in danger, emergency evacuation procedures shall be put into effect.
- B. All recognized hazards should be relayed to the Incident Commander and the crews in the immediate area.
- C. The Incident Commander shall then again relay this information on Channel One and other tactical channels that are being used on the scene to ensure that everyone knows the problem. The Incident Commander will advise on the radio “This is _____ Command, issuing an emergency evacuation order for all crews on the scene. All vehicles on the scene sound emergency evacuation signal” All crews will stop work and leave the building, leaving everything not needed to exit the building or area immediately.
- D. Upon hearing this order all Apparatus Operators will sound their air horns with two consecutive 15 second blasts as ordered.

Personal Accountability:

- A. Depending on the level of accountability the scene is operating at, the Incident Commander shall advise Company Officers to assemble all on scene personnel to check for accountability.
- B. All personnel upon hearing the evacuation order shall terminate their operations and leave the area with their crew and report to an area designated for accountability. Each company shall report to the Accountability Officer who will then give a personnel accountability report (PAR) to the Incident Commander. Those personnel who were not on fire apparatus must drop off PIT at the accountability area and work with crew on the scene.

Managing Rescue of Personnel:

- A. In the event of missing personnel, the Incident Commander will coordinate all search and rescue efforts from the accountability area with other personnel as needed.
- B. Due to the stress of fellow personnel missing, mutual aid companies may be called in to help with all phases of this operation.