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Waterloo Vol Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines

Emergency Operation

Purpose:

The purpose of the Standard Operation Guideline is to establish guidelines for on scene Emergency Evacuations. The first and most important priority at any incident is the safety of the personnel responding to an emergency and those performing on scene emergency functions. This guideline is to accomplish a safe and rapid emergency evacuation.

Procedures:

- Anytime the Incident Commander deems a situation to be abnormally dangerous, the signal to evacuate will be given and all personnel are to evacuate the building or scene immediately.
- The operator of all engines will be requested to do the following:
 - **THREE (3) LONG BLAST OF THE AIR HORN TO SIGNAL AN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL PERSONNEL FROM THE SCENE AND REPEAT THREE TIMES.**
- All personnel retreating from the building or scene shall assembly with the accountability officer until a PAR (Personnel Accountability Report) is completed.
- If no air horn is available then, a broadcast of "EMERGENCY- EMERGENCY, RETREAT-RETREAT-RETREAT" over the P.A. System.