

WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION POLICY

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PURPOSE:

To develop a procedure for a common emergency evacuation signal to be utilized by Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Association (WAMAA) members.

DEFINITIONS:

Evacuate / Evacuation / Abandon – Term used by the Incident Commander instructing personnel operating within a structure to vacate the structure immediately. This term may also be used to “evacuate” personnel from the hot zone, if necessary, for other types of situations.

Exit the Structure – Is defined as an orderly withdraw where interior lines and equipment will withdraw and repositioned/shut down when changing to a defensive strategy.

PROCEDURE:

1. Once the Incident Commander declares that all personnel are to evacuate:
 - 1.1. The Incident Commander is to announce over the radio to “*EVACUATE – EVACUATE – EVACUATE*”.
 - 1.2. Upon hearing the evacuation order, all driver operators to activate their apparatus air horns for a 15-second-long continuous blast.
 - 1.3. The Incident Commander will then request from Central Dispatch Emergency Radio Traffic and to sound the Evacuation tones (Alert #1)
 - 1.4. The Dispatcher will then activate the evacuation tone for 5-seconds, and will then repeat “*EVACUATE, EMERGENCY RADIO TRAFFIC ONLY*”.
 - 1.5. The Dispatcher will then again announce over the radio to “*EVACUATE – EVACUATE – EVACUATE*”.