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<h1>Rules and Regulations</h1>
<h2>Emergency Evacuation Signal</h2>

**Purpose:**

To establish procedure for signaling the immediate need to withdraw all personnel from operations in or near a dangerous situation.

**Scope:**

These Rules shall apply to any situation where it becomes necessary to evacuate personnel.

**Responsibility:**

The Incident Commander and/or the Fire Ground Safety Officer shall be responsible to determine the need to evacuate a building or area that has, or is about to become, too dangerous to remain in.


On determining this need the following shall apply:

- 1) The IC or the Safety Officer shall report "**EMERGENCY TRAFFIC**" on the fire ground radio frequency in accordance with [Rules and Regulations Section 2.08](#)
- 2) The IC or Safety Officer shall repeat three times "Evacuate the building/area", and order the evacuation signal sounded.
- 3) Evacuation Signal: Pump operators or other personnel shall sound the mechanical sirens, and make short, repeated blasts on the air horns. The signal shall continue until ordered stopped by the IC
- 4) Immediately on the order to evacuate, all personnel on the fire scene shall withdraw to a safe position. For structure fires, this shall be the outside of the building. Other types of incidents will require distance for safety, this distance shall be determined by the IC or Safety Officer. **Under no circumstance shall anyone remain in the hazard area!**
- 5) Following evacuation, a roll call of personnel shall be taken to ensure that all members are accounted for.

- 6) When all members have been accounted for and attack plans formulated, operations can begin once more.

No member shall reenter the hazard area without the specific authorization of the Safety Officer. The Incident Commander shall not order personnel back into the hazard area without the approval of the Safety Officer.

**Failure to obey the order to evacuate or to reenter the area without proper authorization may result in immediate disciplinary action!**

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