



MABAS DIVISION 5

Standard Operating Guideline

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Purpose:

While fire rescue operations can be dangerous, all personnel are responsible to have an understanding of the hazards associated with the environment they are working in.

The following procedure has been established to alert fire/rescue personnel that are working in a hazardous environment that an immediate evacuation order has been issued by the incident commander.

Guideline:

When it is necessary to immediately evacuate a building, trench, confined space, hazardous area or other position in order to protect the safety of personnel working the incident, the following steps should be followed:

1. Starting with the primary tactical frequency (firefighters in greatest danger) the Incident Commander should announce:

“ALL PERSONNEL FROM COMMAND STAND-BY FOR EMERGENCY TRAFFIC.”

2. The Incident Commander should transmit the MABAS audible alert tone to be over the primary tactical frequency in use. MABAS Div. 5 Command Vehicles should have this tone programmed into their mobile radios as “MABAS Alert or Evacuation Tone.”
3. Upon completion of the “MABAS Alert” Tone the Incident Commander should announce:

“EMERGENCY TRAFFIC – ALL PERSONNEL OPERATING ON THE SCENE OF _____ EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY ON THE ORDER OF COMMAND.”

Steps 1 thru 3 should be repeated one time over all fireground frequencies in use.

4. After ordering the evacuation, command should order pumping apparatus operators to sound their air horns. Operators shall sound the air horns using a sequence of three air horn blasts that shall not exceed 10 seconds in length followed by a 10 second period of silence. These air horn blasts should be repeated as directed by Command.

Air Horn Evacuation Signal:

- 1.) Three (3) – Air Horn Blasts – not to exceed ten (10) seconds
 - 2.) Ten (10) second period of silence
 - 3.) If ordered by Command - Three (3) – Air Horn Blasts – not to exceed ten (10) seconds
5. Command may elect to have Division 5 initiate the Emergency Evacuation Procedure which consists of the following:
 - a. Division 5 will simulcast broadcast **ALERT Tone #2** (oscillating tone) on the District's/ Department's primary radio frequency and IFERN (if being used on the incident) for five seconds.
 - b. Division 5 will announce: "All personnel operating at the incident at (location), evacuate the building/area immediately by the order of Command."
 - c. After a 15 second pause, Division 5 shall repeat steps (a) and (b).
 6. Upon receiving notification of the evacuation order, whether it is by Command's order, the air horn activations, or the broadcast of alert tone #2, all personnel shall initiate an immediate evacuation of the hazard zone. Company Officers shall ensure the integrity of their company during this evacuation, and upon escaping from the hazard zone involved, Company Officers shall verify that all personnel under their command are accounted for by reporting a Personnel Accountability Report (PAR) via the incident command system.
 7. After all personnel have been accounted for, the Incident Commander shall notify Division 5 and those working on the scene that Command has a complete PAR. Division 5 shall update the comments in CAD to reflect the time that the PAR was completed.
 8. If any individuals remain unaccounted for after the initial PAR, the May Day Procedure shall be initiated and the missing crewmember(s) should be identified by name, unit, and last known location.