

Augusta County Emergency Services Officers Association

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Fire-EMS Standard Operating Guideline

Section:	4 Fire Operational Information
Title:	Fire Hydrants
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FIRE HYDRANTS

Any problems observed with fire hydrants should be reported to the ECC so corrective maintenance can be performed by the Service Authority.

A. To report a fire hydrant which needs repair:

- 1) Call ECC (by telephone when possible)
- 2) Give the hydrant number found on the brass tag and location of said hydrant and specify problems with the hydrant.

B. Use of hydrants:

Before using any fire hydrant for non-emergency purposes, the Service Authority shall be notified. No water shall be used for filling swimming pools or private use without first obtaining a permit from the Service Authority.

When any individual volunteer agency or station as well as the Augusta County Fire-Rescue Training Division wishes to utilize the Augusta County Service Authority's Water Distribution System, the following procedure is to be followed prior to the event:

- A. A check shall be made on the current status of the water distribution system.
- B. A check or note should be made about the levels of rainfall in the area prior to training.
- C. If rainfall levels in the area have been low, training should be postponed until normal levels have returned.

D. Once the above checks have been completed, the Officer or Instructor in charge of the training should contact one of the following ACSA personnel listed below to schedule the training:

- Pat Conroy (540-487-7163)
- Jason Campbell (540-487-7173)
- Ronnie Rankin (540-487-7150)

E. Once contact has been made with one of the above ACSA personnel and water usage has been approved, then and only then can training commence.

F. While training is in progress, the Officer or Instructor in charge should keep up with an estimated amount of water that has been used throughout the training period.

G. Once training has been completed, the Officer or Instructor in charge will then again make contact with one of the above ACSA personnel and advise them that the training is over and report an estimated amount of water used.

C. Hydrant pressure and water flow is available from the Augusta County Service Authority.

D. Color coding of hydrants (available flow)

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| Light blue | - 1500 gallons and greater |
| Green | - 1000-1499 gallons |
| Yellow or Orange | - 500-999 gallons |
| Red | - Less than 500 gallons |

Hydrants are colored coded with reflective ring around the 5" outlet