

Augusta County Emergency Services Officers Association

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Fire-EMS Standard Operating Guideline

Section:	Operations
Title:	Regional Emergency Evacuation Policy
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Purpose:

Provide a consistent regional approach to the emergency evacuation of a building or area. This policy shall be utilized by all personnel on the scene of an incident.

Policy:

An emergency evacuation of a building or an area (a trench, confined space, etc.) may be necessary when life-threatening conditions exist, such as structural collapse, a rapidly spreading fire, or any situation that requires an immediate evacuation. If emergency evacuation is called for, the following shall occur:

- The Incident Commander (IC), Incident Safety Officer, or Division/Group Supervisor shall make a call for emergency evacuation. Upon hearing this transmission, the Dispatcher shall set off the Priority Traffic signal for five seconds and announce "Priority Traffic, all members evacuate building (area) immediately." The message shall be repeated.
- Apparatus on the scene shall then sound their air horns for 5-10 seconds.
- After evacuating the building or area, all Company and/or Division/Group Supervisors shall conduct a Personnel Accountability Report and report same to Command, as appropriate.
- Once the building or area has been evacuated and all members counted, the IC shall notify Dispatch that the building has been evacuated and all members counted.
- At that time the Dispatcher shall set off the Priority Traffic signal for five seconds and state "Priority Traffic cleared, fire building evacuated and all members counted."