



MABAS Division 19
Unified Training Series
Emergency Evacuation Signal
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OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW

Fire suppression activities are inherently dangerous. Occasionally, conditions require the immediate evacuation of all personnel from a structure or area. The evacuation may be ordered as a result of a sudden change of conditions, building collapse or impending collapse, or change of tactics. When an evacuation is ordered, it is imperative that all personnel operating within the building exit in an expeditious manner.

As always, sector commanders, company officers and firefighters involved on fire ground operations shall be on the alert for structural changes that may contribute to collapse or any other hazardous conditions that may require immediate evacuation of personnel from the structure or area and report said conditions immediately to fire ground command.

The fire ground command shall issue the order to sound the evacuation signal; or in case of extreme emergency, sector or company commanders may order the evacuation signal.

EVACUATION SIGNAL: REQUIRED ACTIONS

The order for immediate evacuation shall be “***ALL COMPANIES SOUND THE EVACUATION SIGNAL***”. This order may be given verbally, via radio, or any other expeditious manner.



Upon receipt of the evacuation signal:

- All engineers on the scene shall activate their airhorns for five (5) consecutive blasts
- A personnel accountability report shall be conducted