

Douro-Dummer Fire Services Policy

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Section: Operations

Subject: Emergency Evacuation

Purpose: To establish policy on when & how to conduct an Emergency Evacuation

Scope: This Policy will be followed by all personnel.

Policy:

It is recognized that some structures may become unstable due to a variety of structural pressures such as fires, floods, snow load, damage to support components, etc. These conditions may result in quick evacuation to ensure safety of those teams in the hot zone.

Should an Incident Commander, or other fire department personnel observe the need for an immediate evacuation, they should communicate with incident command who will then initiate the evacuation of those directly in the area without delay.

Evacuation:

If a structure requires evacuation of department personnel, Incident Command will transmit:

“Emergency Traffic, Emergency Traffic, Evacuate, Evacuate”.

This radio transmission will be followed by groups of **three blasts** on apparatus air horns. **This process is repeated until all personnel are deemed clear of danger.**

A Personal Accountability Report (**PAR**) shall immediately follow all activations of the Emergency Evacuation Notification. Check in with Entry and Accountability for tag collection and task assignment.