

# Manhattan Fire Protection District

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to provide an Emergency Evacuation Plan for the emergency evacuation of all personnel at the scene of an emergency incident or training exercise.

## SCOPE

This procedure shall apply to all personnel operating at the scene of any emergency incident or training exercise.

## ENFORCEMENT

The primary responsibility for adherence to this procedure rests with each individual. Company officers (Captains and Lieutenants) are responsible for enforcement of this procedure. There shall be no deviation to the intent of the procedure.

## DEFINITION

Emergency Evacuation shall be used when personnel safety is in imminent danger. All personnel shall cease all operations and immediately evacuate the hazard area, leaving hoselines, unnecessary tools and equipment, that would hinder an immediate evacuation.

## APPLICATION

Operations at the scene of an emergency shall cease when the area that the personnel are operating in becomes potentially too dangerous for continued operations. At that time any member has the authority to utilize the Emergency Traffic announcement to the Incident Commander. The initiator should describe the apparent hazard and order a positive response, usually evacuate a particular area or section, according to the scope of the hazard. If at this time the Incident Commander decides that total evacuation of the area is needed he shall initiate the Emergency Evacuation Signal.

The Incident Commander shall order the closest apparatus to the incident to give the following signal: Five, 3 second blasts of the air horns with a pause in between each such signal. The evacuation signal will be repeated after a short break and until the evacuation is completed or upon orders to cease by the Incident Commander.

Upon the initiation of the Emergency Evacuation signal all personnel will immediately evacuate the area of the emergency scene to an area of safety. Personnel will leave all hose lines, equipment, and or apparatus that will slow your evacuation.

Crews retreating from an area shall regroup near their responding apparatus or their company officer to be accounted for. Regrouping is very important so that all emergency personnel are accounted for.