



**Jefferson County Fire and EMS
Emergency Evacuation
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Purpose: To outline the procedure utilized to evacuate personnel operating at emergency incidents when conditions pose imminent or immediate threat to life and safety.

General: While operating at emergency incidents, conditions may develop that would necessitate an immediate evacuation from an IDLH environment or incident area. These conditions include flashover, backdraft, or signs of imminent structure collapse. The Incident Commander or Safety Officer shall implement the Emergency Evacuation Procedure as follows:

- The Incident Commander shall announce the emergency message over the operations radio channel/tactical channel.
- The Incident Commander shall notify the ECC to activate the Evacuation Alert Tone on all radio channels being utilized, including the main dispatch channel.
- Upon completion of the verbal evacuation order, apparatus air horns shall be sounded three (3) separate times each being approximately five (5) seconds in duration.
- A Personal Accountability Report (PAR) shall be conducted by the Incident Commander following the apparatus air horns sounding.

Note:

- Upon hearing the emergency evacuation message via the radio, or hearing the sequence of evacuation tones and/or apparatus air horns, all personnel within the IDLH environment/fire building shall immediately exit the structure by the shortest available route.
- Any portable equipment that slows evacuation may be abandoned unless it is needed for safe exiting.
- After exiting, personnel shall report to their assigned Division or Group Supervisor. If no Division or Group Supervisor has been assigned then personnel shall report to their unit officer for accountability.

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