

415 EMERGENCY RETREAT SIGNAL

PURPOSE:

To provide a means by which an order to evacuate a building or location can be relayed to personnel working in that area.

SCOPE:

All personnel.

PROCEDURE:

In the event an evacuation order is given all apparatus operators on the scene will simultaneously sound their air / electric horns three times. The duration of each blast will be for 5 seconds.

Central Communications will also be advised by the incident commander to issue a warning on all operating frequencies as appropriate to the situation at hand. I.E. "Attention all units and personnel on location at 123 East First Street in Florence Township - evacuate the building immediately"

Under no circumstances shall anyone sound a siren to signal an evacuation order since this may be construed as emergency apparatus responding to the scene.