

Springdale Fire Department  
Policy & Procedures Manual  
Volume 2 – Operations  
Section 202 - Communications  
202.6 – Emergency Evacuation Signal

Whenever SFD personnel are operating in potentially hazardous environments, the Incident Commander is responsible to evaluate risk factor(s) for personnel safety. If the Incident Commander determines that the environment is unsafe for SFD personnel to occupy, he shall notify (by radio) all personnel to immediately evacuate the environment.

Additionally the IC will advise dispatch to transmit the EMERGENCY TONE via radio on all Fire Department frequencies. To further aid in the notification to personnel operating in the hazardous environment, apparatus operators shall sound the air horns on their units in short, intermittent bursts for approximately 20 seconds, unless directed not to do so by the IC.

After the transmission of the EMERGENCY TONE, and the operation of apparatus air horns, the IC shall transmit the specific order to evacuate the environment.

SFD personnel operating in the hazardous environment, upon hearing the EMERGENCY TONE, shall immediately evacuate, while checking to see that all other SFD personnel in the environment are also evacuating.

Immediately after the evacuation order is transmitted, strict radio silence shall be maintained by all SFD personnel, except for emergency traffic concerning the safety of personnel on the scene. This radio traffic shall include a Personnel Accountability Report (PAR) directed by the IC. Radio silence shall be maintained until all personnel are accounted for and the IC indicates that the radio channel is released to routine traffic.