



**GLASTONBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**



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CATEGORY: DISPATCH/RADIO COMMUNICATIONS
SUB-CATEGORY: NOTIFICATION GUIDELINES
SUBJECT: FIRE HOUSE SIRENS

Section I – Introduction

A. Objective

To use an outside audible alert in order to notify firefighters of an incident, as well as alert those in the area of each fire station of a fire department related incident.

B. Applicability

This guideline applies to all fire related incidents.

C. References

None

Section II – Guideline

Each fire station will have an exterior audible siren that will be used as prescribed in this guideline. The outdoor warning systems have both siren and voice capability. The outdoor warning system will be used to notify fire personnel of a call for service, public address messages from Emergency Management, and a warning to the public that fire personnel are responding.

The exterior audible siren can be activated from three locations -- Glastonbury Public Safety Dispatch, Emergency Management and Glastonbury Fire Department Station 1.

- Emergency Notification to Fire Personnel – The sirens will be activated for every alarm from the hours of 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. each day. The emergency cycle will be two rounds of the siren.
- Any Fire Officer may call for additional siren activation at any time.

Section III – Testing

- Daily – Each day at Noon there will be a short cycle. This test will be conducted by Dispatch.
- Saturdays – The first Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. there will be a one minute test of the Emergency Management warning system. This test will be conducted by Emergency Management.
- Public Address System – On the first Saturday of January and July of each year there will be a short voice message test conducted by Emergency Management.
- Station One – Periodically, at the discretion of the Fire Chief, the siren test will be activated by an authorized fire department representative.

Section V – Approval

Fire Chief



Date of Approval: _____

11/11/16