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**Section: 5.11      Emergency Evacuation Signal**

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**SCOPE**

This guideline applies to all South Metro Fire Department personnel responsible for emergency response.

**PURPOSE**

To establish a standard, recognizable signal to communicate to the fireground that a structure is no longer safe for interior operations.

**PROCEDURE**

CONDITIONS – Conditions requiring immediate evacuation include, but are not limited to:

- Heavy fire conditions that cannot be controlled by normal interior firefighting techniques.
- Collapse of structural components of a building: floors, walls, ceilings and roofs.
- Other conditions determined to be unsafe by personnel on the fireground which are reported to Command.

NOTIFICATION – When it is determined that a structure is no longer safe for interior operations, Command shall be notified that an Emergency Evacuation is necessary.

COMMUNICATION – When it is determined that an Emergency Evacuation is necessary, the order to evacuate shall be given in the following manner:

1. Immediately transmit the following on all radio channels:

**“All Units - EVACUATE - EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY”**

2. All apparatus sound a **series of three long blasts of their air horns.**

This shall be repeated as necessary. A Personnel Accountability Report shall be done to ensure all personnel are accounted for.