



## WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION STANDARDS MANUAL

### **Title: Evacuation Warning Device**

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Standard Presented to association by Longmeadow Volunteer Fire Department in the event of notifying all rescue personnel to evacuate due to unsafe area.

1. Evacuation horns will be placed on each piece of apparatus.
2. In an event that an evacuation is necessary the Incident Commander will:
  - a. Contact headquarters via the fireground channel and request to activate a solid tone and announce the area that is to be evacuated.
  - b. Designate an officer (preferably the Safety Officer) or firefighter/rescue personnel to activate the evacuation horn.
3. The horn can be sounded outside or inside (if a building needs evacuated) The sound must cover the entire area that needs evacuated.
4. The activation of the horn must be a steady blast lasting a minimum of 10 seconds. Additional blasts may be given as necessary.
5. All blasts, no matter how many have the same meaning, evacuate the building or unsafe area.
6. When rescue personnel hear the blast, they shall report to the Command Post for accountability.
7. If and when the Incident Commander determines the area safe, notification will be given on the fireground channel by him/her. Headquarters will in turn make the announcement on the fireground channel.
8. The Association will purchase three (3) horns for each company. The remaining horns will be the responsibility of each company to purchase.
9. Specification of the horn:
  - a. Push button boat horn
  - b. Minimum 12 oz can
10. The evacuation horn shall be included in the apparatus standards.