

ESCAMBIA COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE

Standard Operating Guidelines

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Evacuation Tone

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PURPOSE:

Establish a process in which the EVACUATION TONE is utilized during incidents.

OBJECTIVE:

Criteria used by command staff, chief officers, and safety personnel to utilize the EVACUATION TONE on portable radios.

SCOPE:

All Personnel

PROCEDURE

The APX 8000 portable radios are equipped with a feature called the EVACUATION TONE in which the user can initiate an alert tone like the emergency button tone to transmit emergent messages to personnel on-scene.

The EVACUATION TONE is initiated by holding the push to talk (PTT) button and pressing the orange emergency button. The tone will continue as long as the user holds the PTT button down.

Once the user releases the PTT button, they will need to press it again to transmit a verbal message.

The EVACUATION TONE will only transmit over the selected channel of the user's radio.

The EVACUATION TONE shall only be utilized to transmit emergent messages.

Anytime an evacuation tone is transmitted the incident commander shall contact each company that is operating interior and confirm that they acknowledged the message and are evacuating. Once all interior operating companies have evacuated the structure a personnel accountability report (PAR) of all companies operating at the incident scene shall be initiated by the incident commander.