Bath Township Fire Department			Standard Operating Guideline	
Section **Safety**	**Referral No.** **S-08**	**Subject:** **Evacuation Signal**	**Date Issued** **01/03**	**Date Revised** **3/08**

Purpose:

- To provide guidelines for the signaling of an evacuation from a structure or emergency scene.

Scope:

- This standard operating guideline shall apply to all personnel.

Responsibilities:

- Officer
  - Ensure that all personnel evacuate in an emergency fashion when hearing the evacuation signal.
- Personnel
  - All personnel have the responsibility of following all warning signals and evacuating quickly and efficiently when told do to so.
  - All personnel evacuating will do so in a safe manner.

Guidelines:

- The signal for evacuating a structure or area of danger shall be a blast of the vehicle air horn for 3 seconds followed by a pause then another 3 second blast followed by a pause followed by a third 3 second blast of the air horn.
- All personnel will retreat to an area of safety when hearing the signal to evacuate.
- All personnel will retreat with the person with whom they entered the area.
- Hose-lines will not be removed due to the potential time it may take to remove them.
- All personnel will report in to the Accountability Officer or Incident Commander after exiting the structure or area of danger.
- A Personnel Accountability Report (PAR) will be taken following the signal to evacuate.
- If all personnel do not exit following an evacuation signal, the lost firefighter (Mayday) guideline will be followed.