


**Appendix M**

**BCFD Manual of Procedure 602-6  
Fireground Evacuation Plan**

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MANUAL OF PROCEDURE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DETAIL PROCEDURE</b></p>	SECTION	EMERGENCY SERVICES
	SUBJECT	FIREGROUND EVACUATION PLAN

PURPOSE

The purpose of the fireground evacuation plan is to provide a notification procedure for firefighters to facilitate rapid and orderly evacuation from a building when conditions deteriorate and the fire building becomes too dangerous for interior operations.

PROCEDURE

When fireground conditions deteriorate and it becomes necessary to withdraw personnel from a building due to unsafe conditions, the following procedure will be implemented:

- The Incident Commander will notify Fire Communications to broadcast an evacuation message as follows:

“All companies operating on Box XXX premises 0000 Cox Street evacuate the building immediately due to unsafe conditions.”

Communications will sound a unique set of tones reserved for **EMERGENCY TRAFFIC** transmissions only, and then will broadcast the message on all talkgroups assigned to that incident.

Or

Command may request Fire Communications to sound the **EMERGENCY TRAFFIC** tones after which Command would broadcast the above message [**MOP 515-4**].

The above message will be broadcast at least two (2) times on assigned talkgroup.

- When the above command is simulcast, all units on the fireground will sound apparatus air horns simultaneously and continuously for one (1) minute.

Upon hearing the above message and/or air horn warning signal, personnel will immediately withdraw from the building. All equipment should be withdrawn **if possible**.

Immediately after withdrawing from a building, personnel will report to respective Officer so a head count can be completed. The Unit Officer will immediately report any missing personnel to the Incident Commander.

This procedure also applies to incidents other than building fires; e.g., hazmat, building collapse, etc.

RELATED POLICIES

[**MOP 622-1**] Search and Rescue

[**MOP 622-3**] Personal Distress Device

[**MOP 515-4**] Terminology