



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

CATEGORY : FIELD OPERATIONS
SUBJECT : FIRE MARSHALS RESPONSE TO INCIDENT
SCENE

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STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE FOR RESPONSE OF FIRE MARSHALS TO INCIDENT SCENE

This Standard Operating Guideline addresses the types of incidents Fire Marshals will investigate within certain guidelines.

The on-duty Fire Marshal shall be notified:

1. For all serious structure fires.
2. For all fires resulting in injury or loss of life.
3. For all fires suspected to be of incendiary origin or where the actual cause is not readily apparent. (This does not include rubbish or trash fires, and outside fires where no witnesses or suspects are available.)
4. For any motor vehicle fire where the cause is questionable; the vehicle is unattended at the time of the fire; or the fire has spread to more than one of the three vehicle compartments.
5. For any explosives incident known or reported to the department.
6. For any false fire alarms providing witnesses/suspects are at the scene.

All code violations or complaints received between 1800 and 0800 hours shall be communicated to the on-duty Fire Marshal at the beginning of the next duty tour unless the complaint is considered to be life threatening.

All open burning complaints shall be handled by responding fire suppression units, which will extinguish all fires. Suppression personnel may request the on-duty Fire Marshal if they encounter problems with the property owner. A copy of the Open Burning Ordinance is kept on each response vehicle.

All other incidents not described herein will require the judgement of the officer-in-charge.