

Hauser Lake Fire Protection District

Standard Operating Guideline OPERATIONS: Carbon Monoxide Incident Guidelines

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Purpose:

To establish a guideline for responding to and handling carbon monoxide calls.

Objective:

To establish a guideline of actions to be taken by the dispatcher and responding units.

Scope:

This guideline applies to all Hauser Lake Fire Protection District Personnel.

Responsibility:

All officers are responsible for the enforcement of this guideline on personnel within their command.

Guideline:

- A. Fire District Operations at the scene.
 1. Establish command
 2. Verify type of situation (Alarm type, medical emergency, etc.)
 - a. If medical emergency - provide appropriate care
 - b. If alarm sounding:
 - (a. Follow Hauser Lake Fire Protection District Respiratory Protection Guideline if alarm sounding:
 3. Determine reason for activation. (True alarm, low battery, poor location of device, etc.)
 4. If smoke detector is sounding, take appropriate measures.
 5. If alarm is a CO detector:

Determine if anyone at the scene is exhibiting any symptoms of CO poisoning; if yes, immediately evacuate the area, provide appropriate medical care, and request an ambulance to respond to the scene.
 6. Investigate the reason for alarm activation.
 7. Carbon Monoxide Investigation Procedures.
 - * Follow manufacturer instructions on the CO or multi gas detector.
 - * Take several readings, in different places, to determine if CO is present at above normal levels. (Defined as <10ppm in residential settings)
 - * Inform occupants of your findings.
 - * Make recommendations to occupants:
 8. If normal levels of CO - You should check and reset detector per manufacturer recommendations and if the alarm sounds again, re-call to 911.
 9. If above normal levels of CO were detected by FD personnel the occupant should not re-enter the building until appropriate service technicians have checked the facility. (Gas Company, heating contractor or other appropriate service company.)