

EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

This guideline will assist you in the event of an earthquake in the Clay County area.

INITIAL STEPS

Take cover in place until shaking stops. Then evacuate building as quickly as possible.

If the building conditions allow, remove the in service equipment to a safe staging area, if at all possible.

Time permitting, turn off gas service to the building and remove spare equipment to an open staging area. If temperatures are below freezing, keep engines in all equipment running.

NOTE: If no immediate calls are received, make an inspection of the building to determine the condition to the best of your ability.

ROAD ACCESS

The decision for emergency vehicles to use overpasses, underpasses, or bridge structures, immediately following an earthquake will be delegated to the officer (or individual) in charge of the vehicle. His/her decision will be based on the following criteria:

Visual inspection of the structure(s) assessing for but not limited to:

- 1) Buckling of pavement
- 2) Observable cracking of structure(s)
- 3) Dropped or damaged segments
- 4) Bearing points displaced or misaligned

PRIORITIZATION OF ALARMS

In the event of a catastrophic disaster where multiple alarms are received simultaneously, a prioritization of calls will take place.

Simply put: **LIFE FIRST - PROPERTY SECOND**

In the event that units are on the scene of a no-life threat alarm, and a life threat alarm is received, units will have the discretion to leave the scene of the no-life threat alarm and respond to the life threat alarm.

HIGH LIFE THREAT AREAS WITHIN OUR DISTRICT SHALL BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED AS:

Nursing Homes & Extended Care Facilities:

Schools & Churches

1. All public and private schools and churches within our District. **This will become a major priority during school or church time**

Businesses

1. All motels/hotels and large business/office structures within our District.

This list is only a guideline to be utilized in the event of a disaster. Please remember that the hospitals and nursing homes within our District maybe inundated with injured individuals seeking medical treatment. All available efforts should be made to support these institutions and keep them open if possible.

RECALL OF PERSONNEL

In the event of catastrophic disaster where additional manpower is needed, off-duty personnel shall:

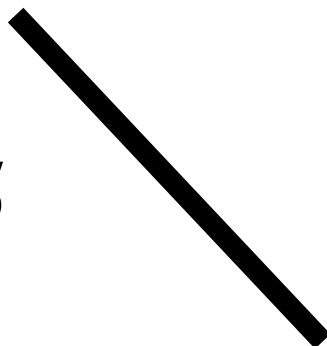
1. First assure the safety of their own family.
2. Attempt to report to your regularly assigned engine house. If you are unable to reach any of the district engine houses, report to your nearest, accessible local community engine house for assignment.
3. If you have reported to another district/department engine house, attempt to notify your department of your location.

WHEN SEARCHING MULTIPLE BUILDINGS THE FOLLOWING MARKING SYSTEM SHOULD BE USED

The company that makes the primary search will mark the outside of the building with one large diagonal line and the number of the engine company. Using fluorescent paint if available or duct tape.

(Example)

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The company that makes the secondary search will mark the outside of the building with one large additional diagonal line making an X and the number of the engine company.

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