**Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

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The Polk County Fire Chief’s Association has adopted a standardized procedure for Emergency Evacuations. The intent is to have each fire department respond in a like manner for the safety purposes of all personnel in the event of a mutual aid call.

**For an emergency evacuation of a building, the protocol is:**

**1. Three air horn blasts lasting 5-7 seconds.**

**2. A radio broadcast of “EVACUATE, EVACUATE, EVACUATE” on tactical channel(s)   
 being used at the incident.**

**3. Dispatch transmission of hi-lo tones on tactical channel(s) being used at the incident.**

**4.** **All members evacuate beyond anticipated collapse zone.**

**5. PAR completed after evacuation and prior to resuming operations.**