

Hamden Police Department General Orders

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Section: Patrol

Rescinds:

Title: Duties of Officers at Fire
Scene.

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PURPOSE

Members of the Hamden Police Department, reporting or being assigned to fire scenes, will adhere to the procedures set forth in this General Order.

Procedures

A. Duties of Officers Reporting Fires or Assigned to Fire Scenes.

1. Assess the situation and advise Headquarters if any additional assistance is needed.
2. Attempt to evacuate any individuals in the structure involved, if necessary.
3. Provide first aid and request additional medical assistance, if needed.
4. Upon arrival of Fire Department personnel:
 - a. Isolate the area and prevent all non-essential pedestrian or vehicle access.
 - b. Provide traffic control.
 - c. Assist in evacuating occupants of surrounding buildings, if necessary

B. Fires of Suspicious Origin and Fires Resulting in Death or Serious Injury.

1. In the event the Fire Department determines a fire to be of suspicious origin or the fire results in the loss of life or serious injury, the Patrol Supervisor will be notified.
2. Duties of Patrol Supervisor .a. Assess the situation and if circumstances warrant
 - a. Arrange for the scene to be photographed
 - b. Notify the Detective Division.