



Kemah Fire Department

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Kemah Fire Department Standard Operating Guideline

Subject: Alarm Response

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I. Purpose:

To establish a practical approach for the operation of the Kemah Fire Department's alarm response as to ensure proper alarm response, as any incident could be a true alarm activation.

II. Policy:

SOPs for Alarm Response will include the following items:

- PPE
- Size Up and Key Holder Contact
- Alarm Investigation
- Alarm Restoration

III. Procedure:

PPE

Until the incident is determined to be a false alarm, personnel should don and wear full PPE in accordance with the Structure Fire SOP:

- Upon designation by Incident Commander PPE can be doffed if the incident is found to be accidental or false alarm.
- Alarm activations are most often false and thus tend to breed an attitude of complacency. Responding firefighters need to consider that each alarm activation just might be "the one" and must be in proper PPE as to respond to an emergency incident.

Size Up and Key Holder Contact

- Upon arriving on scene the Incident Commander shall establish command and evaluate the structure with a 360 degree view and describe the structure as "showing or not showing smoke"
- Verify if the structure is occupied.
 - A. If occupied discuss alarm initiation with occupants and see Alarm Investigation
 - B. If no occupant is present notify dispatch to contact key holder, if no key holder is present or en route make access into structure with reasonable tactics ensuring the least amount of damage.

Alarm Investigation

- If a commercial alarm panel is present, utilize the panel by stating which detectors are alarming.
- Upon making entry into the structure it should be cleared using a TIC and any other possible assisting methods.
- If fire is found establish with dispatch that the scene has been upgraded to a structure fire and radio for other units to respond as necessary.

Alarm Restoration

- If no fire is found and the structure has been cleared of any and all hazards, the occupant may be assisted in reinstating the alarm.