

**Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL**

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Topic: 8. Occupational Health & Safety	Replaces: G.4.35
Subject: 5.7. Notification of Fire Services	
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PURPOSE

To provide guidelines to staff for the notification of other FIRE/RESCUE EMERGENCY SERVICES to provide assistance.

APPLICATION

Paramedics, EMAs, Management

PROCEDURE

- 1) Depending on the call originator, the Communications Officer (CO) may have already notified the fire department, or the fire department may be the originator.
- 2) Ambulance staff should confirm with the CO that the fire department has been notified to respond to provide assistance for the following scenes:
 - a) confirmed or unconfirmed reports of, or the threat of, a fire or explosion.
 - b) any situation involving fuel or chemical spills, hazardous materials, environment problems, structural hazards or collapse risk.
 - c) anytime special rescue equipment may be required i.e. auto extrication, rope, water or confined space/trench rescue.
 - d) possible disaster or mass casualty incidents.
 - e) electrical hazards, or problems such as downed wires. Ask dispatch to contact the local hydro supplier in these circumstances.
- 3) Ambulance staff also has the chemical CANUTEC manuals in each ambulance to reference for procedures to follow for specific types of incidents.
- 4) Ambulance staff should be prepared to stop and wait a safe distance from the scene, until the fire department or Hydro personnel secure the area, and permits safe entry.

REFERENCE