

CLIO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPERATING GUIDELINE

TITLE: TORNADO RESPONSE

THE PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF TORNADO RESPONSE ARE: LIFESAVING OPERATIONS AND PREVENTION OF FURTHER DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL AND PUBLIC PROPERTY.

SAFETY OF DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL SHALL BE A PRIMARY CONCERN FOR ALL OPERATIONS.

WATCH

When Genesee County Central Dispatch issues a Tornado WATCH, ALL Radio Receivers shall be turned to the monitor position until the All Clear has been given.

WARNING

When a Tornado **WARNING** Is issued by Genesee County Central Dispatch, All personnel are requested to respond to their respective stations.

APPARATUS:

Disperse specified Apparatus to the following locations (without warning lights and siren)

STATION #1

Engine 11 – Dodge Road and I-75 Expressway

Aerial 12 – Vienna Road and Elms Road

Tanker 17 – Lake Road and I-75 Expressway

Squad 16 – Remain at the Station

Grass 13 – Remain at the Station

STATION #2

Engine 21 – Bray Road and Frances Road

Tanker 25 – Center Road just south of Willard Road

Grass 23 – Dodge Road and Center Road

Squad 28 – Remain at the Station

PERSONNEL:

Preferred Response on each vehicle is a full crew.

Minimum Response on each vehicle shall be; 1 Officer (Senior Person), 1 Driver

REPORTING INFORMATION

Responding crews and members remaining at the stations, shall act as “spotters” and be prepared to report the situation.

DO NOT report on any weather condition other than the sighting of a funnel cloud.

If a funnel cloud is sighted, report the following:

The Location

If it is on the Ground or in the Air

The Direction of Travel

CLOTHING AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

All personnel shall respond with a complete set of turnout gear (Turnouts shall consist of Helmet, Hood, Bunker Coat, Bunker Pants, Boots, and Gloves)

TRAINING:

Personnel shall not be actively involved in interior search and rescue unless they have completed the Michigan State Fire Fighters Training Council Fire Fighter I Program or the Certified Equivalent.

All personnel responding in the vehicles as spotters or working at the scene of an incident shall have completed, as a minimum, the CAFD “Rookie Training”.

INCIDENT COMMAND:

The Incident Command System shall be used to the extent warranted by the situation.

ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

All members will use the Department Accountability as directed.

