



Missouri Valley Fire & Rescue Department

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STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

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Chronological History

Effective: January 1, 2010

HAZARDOUS WEATHER RESPONSE

Purpose

To establish guidelines for incident evaluation and response to weather related emergencies.

Policy

These guidelines shall be followed in the presence of hazardous weather incidents and to insure the safety of the personnel and citizens.

Procedure

1. All vehicles shall leave the station to their designated locations for weather spotting if practical. Rescue vehicles shall be manned by at least two (2) State of Iowa certified health care providers.
2. At least one member shall remain at the fire station and shall have at least a handheld radio with Harrison County Fire frequency.
3. Only members who have completed weather spotter related training within the 24 months prior to the incident shall respond.
4. Radio traffic shall be kept minimal. Only relevant information shall be relayed to the Harrison County Communications Center.
5. Any tornado or excessive wind activity which may directly involve the Town of Missouri Valley *may* be grounds for sounding the emergency weather siren. This order may come from Harrison County Communications or from a field spotter. The highest ranking officer responding will have the final determination to sound the siren.

By Authority of:
Fire Chief

Eugene Shaeffer