

Uintah School District

Carbon Monoxide Alarm Response Procedure

Purpose:

To establish guidelines for departments when responding to Carbon Monoxide Alarms/Incidents.

General Information: Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless, colorless gas that is deadly. It is a by-product of a fuel burning process. Many appliances such as furnaces, kitchen stoves, hot water heaters, automobiles, etc., can produce carbon monoxide. When a faulty or unusual condition exists, carbon monoxide may be vented into areas where people are present.

Carbon monoxide poisoning may be difficult to diagnose. Its symptoms are similar to the flu, which may include headache, nausea, fatigue and dizzy spells.

Procedures: In the event of an alarm

The Blue Strobe Located in the front office will activate and send a supervisory trouble message to the monitoring company stating a carbon monoxide detector has been activated.

Evacuate the building and call 911! Inform the dispatcher that it is a carbon monoxide alarm.

Note: If the alarm is located in the boiler room or kitchen, evacuate the area and leave the doors closed.

Do not vent the area or leave doors open.

Notify the maintenance department 435-781-3181– And the District Office 435-781-3100

Responding employee will bring a CO meter to the scene and stand by to assist Emergency response personal.

The Emergency responder will:

- Determine when the building is safe to enter
- Investigate cause of alarm
- Shut down/tag out any equipment or appliance that is found to be the source
- Take necessary action to mitigate the situation/cause
- Once levels of CO have been reduced to a safe level (below 9 ppm), attempt to reset the detector(s) and allow occupants to reenter the building.