



DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

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C.I.T.	3/06/2007	N/A	N/A

SUBJECT: Animal Control Notification

APPLICABILITY: All Personnel

POLICY:

The Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (DFRS) shall establish a procedure outlining the notification process for Animal Control.



1 GENERAL

- 1.1 Normal business hours for the field operations of Animal Control are Monday through Friday from 0730 hours until 1700 hours. Animal Control Officers (ACO) respond to all animal related calls during the above-mentioned time frame. The on-call ACO will be contacted during non-business hours and holidays.

2 PROCEDURE

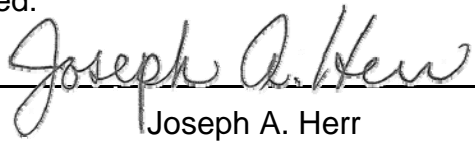
- 2.1 Animal Control does not respond to nuisance wildlife complaints or to the mere presence of a wild animal either sighted or within a home or other structure.
- 2.1.1 If any member is in doubt about an incident contact Fire Dispatch (Howard) and advise them of the situation. A telephone number shall be obtained and relayed to "Howard" for the on-call ACO to contact the complainant.
- 2.2 DFRS personnel shall contact "Howard" and advise them when an animal will be left alone to include but not limited to the following examples:
- 2.2.1 When a patient is transported to the hospital and they have no one to care for the animal in their absence.
- 2.2.2 Traffic accidents.
- 2.2.3 Fires in structures containing animals.
- 2.3 Animal Control does not have the equipment to transport or stable livestock. In incidents involving livestock, such as a motor vehicle accident involving a horse trailer, advise "Howard". "Howard" will make the appropriate notifications.

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- 2.4 DFRS units shall advise “Howard” and stage if an aggressive animal is on location and posing an immediate threat to public safety and the safety of the responders.
- 2.5 Police shall be dispatched to all incidents of an animal posing an immediate threat to public safety.

Approved:



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