



DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

	<h1>GENERAL ORDER</h1>	
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Fire Marshal	1/17/1995	1/9/2009	N/A

SUBJECT: Out-of-Service Hydrant Identification
APPLICABILITY: All Personnel, DPW Bureau of Utilities, General Public Developers/Contractors, HCPD Communications Division

POLICY:

The purpose is to provide standard marking that readily identifies non-functional fire hydrants.

1 GENERAL

1.1 Fire hydrant deficiencies shall be reported to the Fire Marshal Office. The Fire Marshal will make appropriate notification to the Bureau of Utilities.

2 BUREAU OF UTILITIES – RESPONSIBILITY

2.1 Non functional out of service fire hydrants owned by Howard County shall be marked as follows:

2.1.1 The Bureau of Utilities will place a round black plate with “**Out of Service**” in white letters on the 4 1/2" steamer connection of each fire hydrant known to be non-functional.

3 CONTRACTOR/DEVELOPER RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 Contractors and developers are responsible for fire hydrants that have not been released to Howard County. This may include fire hydrants in subdivisions under construction or in existing neighborhoods where contractors are installing water mains. Contractor/Developer fire hydrants that are not in service or that do not have water available for firefighting purposes will be marked as follows:

- 3.1.1 The hydrants will be wrapped in yellow “Caution off Limits” ribbon tape.
- 3.1.2 The ribbon /tape shall be installed at the time of the hydrant installation and removed from the hydrants by the contractor after the in-service inspection.

4 HCPD DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS - RESPONSIBILITY

4.1 A current list of fire hydrants out of service shall be maintained by the Communications Division.

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- 4.2 On a daily basis (workday) the Bureau of Utilities will fax a complete list of all the fire hydrants that are out of service to the Communications Division and both Battalion Chiefs offices.
- 4.3 The Communications Division shall notify the Fire Marshal's Section when they receive fire hydrant information (in/out of service) not included on the latest FAX list.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph A. Herr".

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