

Utility Service Emergencies

415.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Discretionary

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for addressing City utility service emergencies. This policy will address calls for service that are directed to the Police Department.

415.2 POLICY

Discretionary

It is the policy of the Syracuse Police Department to appropriately respond to City emergency utility service requests received by this department.

415.3 UTILITY SERVICE EMERGENCY

Discretionary

A current contact list of City personnel to be notified in the event of a utility service emergency should be available in Onondaga County 911 Center.

415.3.1 WATER LINES

Discretionary

The City's responsibility for water lines ends at the water meter; any break or malfunction in the water system from the water meter to a residence or business is the responsibility of the customer.

If a water line break occurs on the City side of the water meter, public works personnel should be notified as soon as practicable.

415.3.2 ELECTRICAL LINES

Discretionary

When a power line poses a hazard, a member of this department should be dispatched to the reported location to protect against personal injury or property damage that might be caused by the power line. The fire department, electric company and/or the public works department should be promptly notified, as appropriate.

415.3.3 RESERVOIRS, PUMPS, WELLS

Discretionary **MODIFIED**

In the event of flooding or equipment malfunctions involving City reservoirs, pumps or wells, the water department should be contacted as soon as practicable.

415.3.4 NATURAL GAS LINES

Discretionary

All reports of a possible leak of natural gas or damage to a natural gas line shall promptly be referred to the fire department and the local entity responsible for gas lines. A member of this department should be dispatched to the reported location if it appears that assistance such as traffic control or evacuation is needed.

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415.3.5 TRAFFIC SIGNALS

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A member of this department should be dispatched upon report of a damaged or malfunctioning traffic signal in order to protect against personal injury or property damage that might occur as the result of the damaged or malfunctioning signal. The member will advise Onondaga County 911 Center of the problem with the traffic signal. The 911 center dispatchers should make the necessary notification to the appropriate traffic signal maintenance agency as soon as practicable.

A decision to place a signal on flash should include a consultation with the appropriate traffic signal maintenance agency, unless exigent circumstances exist.