

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER PROCEDURE**

SUBJECT: MAYDAY

ISSUING AGENCY: FIRE SUB-COMMITTEE

PROCEDURE NUMBER: FDG #1

AUTHORIZED BY: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

PURPOSE:

To provide a guide for dispatchers to follow in the event that a MAYDAY is declared by a fire department working at an emergency scene within Winnebago County.

SCOPE:

These procedures shall be implemented whenever a MAYDAY is declared by any fire department in Winnebago County.

DEFINITIONS:

MAYDAY: This term is used by firefighters to indicate that they are in a situation that poses an immediate threat to their life. Examples may include becoming lost or trapped in a structure on fire, or running out of air in their breathing apparatus.

PROTOCOL:

1. Winnebago County Dispatchers have full authority to implement the following protocol as outlined below and on the attached MAYDAY Checksheet without permission or direction from the incident command or any other personnel involved in the MAYDAY.
2. The dispatcher shall:
 - a. If a MAYDAY is declared, the dispatcher shall wait no longer than 10 seconds for the incident commander to acknowledge the MAYDAY, the dispatcher shall notify them of the MAYDAY and relay all information contained in the MAYDAY transmission.
 - b. Initiate the next highest alarm for the MABAS area that the incident is located in.
 - c. Have a second dispatcher take over the fire on the new fireground channel that is announced by the incident commander. The original dispatcher shall monitor and support the MAYDAY on the original fireground channel and begin time checks since the MAYDAY was declared.
 - d. Page out the department that declared the MAYDAY and have all available personnel respond to their respective stations.
 - e. Dispatch additional law enforcement units to the scene for traffic and scene control.
 - f. Notify Theda Clark, St. Elizabeth, Mercy Medical Center, and Aurora Health Care Emergency Rooms and notify them of the possible arrival of an injured firefighter(s).