


Ocean City Fire Department
FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO ALL OCFD Personnel

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SUBJECT SILENT ALARM RESPONSE TO HIGH RISES

Effective immediately, an engine and a medic unit will be dispatched on Level II Silent alarms at High-Rise Buildings and target structures with an occupancy over 500.

A high-rise building is defined as 7 stories and above. The medic unit can be either a 2-person or 3-person crew. One provider from the medic unit will assume the medical position and wear the medical vest remaining outside of the structure. The remaining staff on the medic unit will dress in their turnout gear with SCBA and report to command for assignment.

The OIC should also respond to these Level II Silent alarm calls if available.

The purpose of this FCGO is to standardize our operational responses, enhance responder safety and provide an effective emergency response to our community.