

WARNING SIREN

There is a warning siren located on the roof of the Virginia City Highlands fire station located at the corner of Cartwright Road and Lousetown Road. This siren will be activated in an emergency.

The siren is tested at noon on each Sunday.

WHY...DO WE

HAVE A SIREN ?

As you are well aware you live in a rural atmosphere. Television is spotty at best, phone service can be easily interrupted and electricity can often go out. **YOU NEED NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCIES.** Fire, Earthquake, Weather, Flood, Accidents or other natural and man caused disasters require notification of residents in the event evacuation is necessary. Simultaneous notification of emergencies which may require that you evacuate your area is the intent of this siren system.

EVACUATION POINTS

RED & BLUE ZONES:

Between Flum School at the bottom of Ginger

GREEN & YELLOW ZONES:

Virginia City High School, VC

WHO...

IS AFFECTED

YOU are affected

You and your family. The welfare of you, your family, your large and small animals and your property are potentially at risk during emergencies that may require evacuation.

Everyone that lives in your residential district is affected. Whether you live in the Virginia City Highlands, Mark Twain Estates (Six Mile) or the Lockwood River district, this siren system is for your benefit. It is imperative that you become familiar and comfortable with the siren and it's meaning. **TEACH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT THE SIREN!**

YOUR SIREN WILL BE TESTED EVERY SUNDAY AT NOON.

(Like the siren here in Virginia City)

WHAT...TO DO

WHEN IT GOES OFF

There are two different tones to the siren.

HIGH **LOW**

STEADY TONE

PREPARE TO GO

LEAVE YOUR HOME

IMMEDIATELY

TUNE TO RADIO KOH 780 FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

HIGH

LOW

Two-tone sound

PREPARE TO GO

When you hear the two-tone high-low sound of the siren it means that there is a potential for evacuation of your area at any time.

DO... BEGIN PREPARING FOR EVACUATION.

STEADY TONE

LEAVE YOUR HOME - EVACUATE

Evacuate NOW. This means there is no time for getting ready to evacuate. **This is an imminent situation.** Immediate danger is upon you and you need to get out NOW.

DO... EVACUATE NOW

PLEASE DO NOT CALL DISPATCH UNLESS YOU HAVE A NEW EMERGENCY TO REPORT

DISPATCH:	SCSO	847-4960
	SCFD (VC)	Sta. 1 - 847-0854
	SCFD (VCH)	Sta. 2 - 847-0971
	SCFD (6Mile)	Sta. 3 - 246-7879

HOW DO I REACT ?

HIGH **LOW**

PREPARE TO GO

Preparing may mean gathering important papers and medication together, gathering up the children, loading up horses, calling in the dogs or cats, making any necessary phone calls, securing property, grabbing extra clothing, or getting the car unclunk ready. **PREPARATION in advance is important.** Getting things together in a prearranged spot can save you time. If you are in an area of your district other than where you live then return to your residence immediately. Evacuation could be imminent. If children are home alone have them call a neighbor. Emergency personnel will check your home and mark the driveway with county orange ribbon if it's been checked. **SHUTTER IN PLACE.**

STEADY TONE

LEAVE YOUR HOME

Grab your kids and the important papers cache and get going to your assigned evacuation area (see other side of brochure). If necessary, open gates for large animals to get out. Animals can fend for themselves. Your life may be in jeopardy. If you are in another area of the Highlands when you hear this tone **DO NOT** try to go back to your residence. Evacuate immediately from where you are at the time you hear the steady tone siren.

Car window ID stickers are important for emergency workers to identify you. Reflective house numbers may save you as they allow us to more easily find you.

EVACUATION PLAN

Evacuation Plan For the Virginia City Highlands and Highlands Ranches

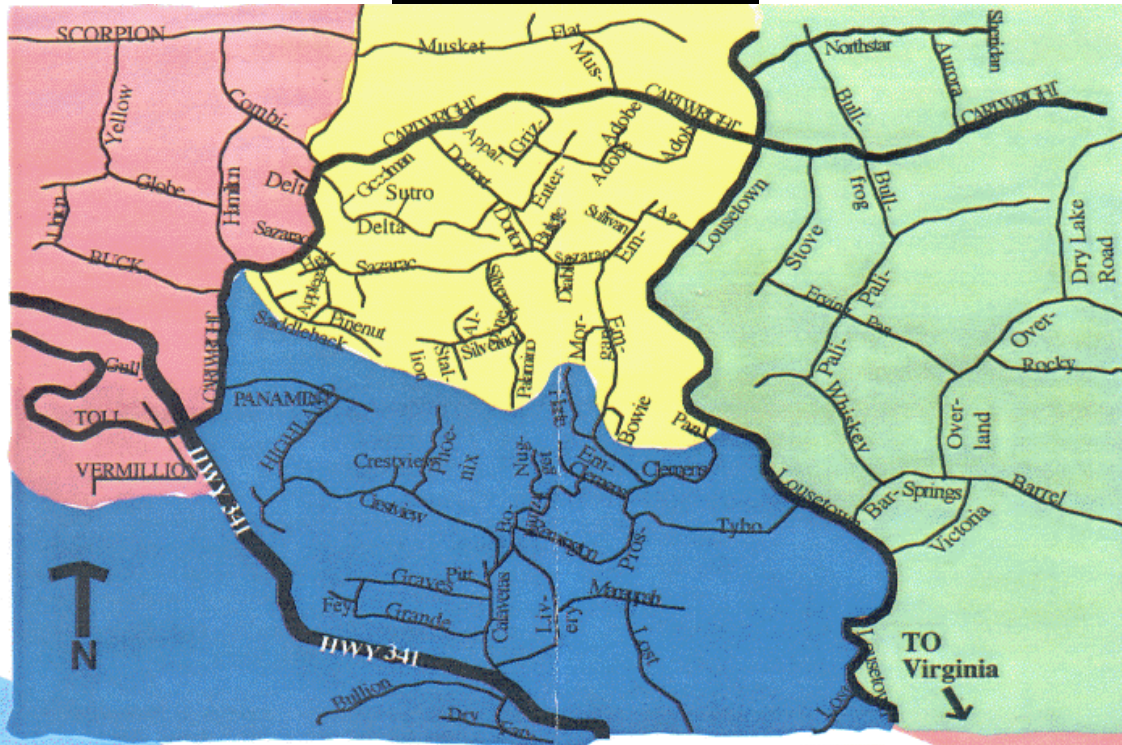
Revised on October 1, 2001

This plan is intended for use during any and all disasters occurring in the area of the Virginia Highlands. This includes the one-acre, ten-acre, and forty-acre areas. The primary purpose of this plan is to systematically evacuate a specific area of the community in the event of a wildland fire or any other significant emergency or disaster.

Through the Storey County Local Emergency Planning Committee a task force was initially established with representatives from the private residents, SC Emergency Management, SC Fire Department, SC Sheriffs Office, SC School District, One Acre Property Owners Association, Ten Acre Property Owners Association and numerous other agencies to develop this plan. This task force began by discussing historical fire and disaster locations, topography, concentration of populated areas, natural barriers and firebreaks and access and egress issues relating to this particular community. From the information gathered the task force then broke the entire area into four separate zones. These zones were assigned a specific color designator so as to identify smaller more manageable areas for evacuation. These color zones will also be utilized to issue immediate evacuation areas and areas that may be issued a specific time frame for evacuation. The Sheriffs Department having the primary responsibility for providing evacuation will have the ability to then maximize his resources for deployment. Time issued evacuations will be at the primary discretion of the Sheriffs evacuation division within a unified command system.

Every Incident is different in nature, location, time frames, immediate threats, etc. This plan is only a guideline and should only be used as a starting point for the Incident Commanders. It is intended to provide guidance and be very flexible. It does utilize the principles of the Incident Command System as adopted by all emergency services within Storey County.

Evacuation Zones



WHERE . . . TO GO

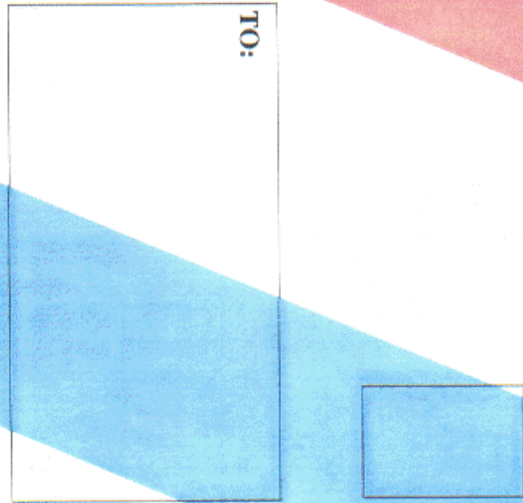
WHEN THE SIREN BLOWS

EVACUATE TO -

If you live in the **BLUE** or **RED** areas
EVACUATE TO BROWN SCHOOL at the
 bottom of Geiger Grade*

If you live in the **GREEN** or **YELLOW**
 areas **EVACUATE TO THE VIRGINIA CITY
 HIGH SCHOOL IN VIRGINIA CITY ***

**Unless you receive other instructions via the
 Emergency Alert System on Radio KOH 780*



Evacuation Zone 1: Pink	
Buckeye	B5
Combination	C3
Globe	B4
Gully	A6
Hamilton	B4
Scorpion	B2
Toll	A6
Union	A4
Vermillion	A7
West 5 Mile	B7
Yellow Jacket	A3

Evacuation Zone 2: Yellow

Adobe	E3
Adobe Spur	E3
Agate	E4
Alpine	D5
Appaloosa Drive	D3
Applegate	C5
Bowie	E6
Bulette	E4
Cartwright and Hamilton ton to Cartwright and Lousetown	
Castlepeak	C3
Colt Drive	D4
Conestoga	C4
Delta Drive	D4
Diablo	D4
Dortort	D4
Empire	E5
Enterprise	D4
Flat Iron	E2
Flint	C5
Goodman	C4
Grizzly	D3
Hermit	C4
Lousetown and Panhandle North	
Morgan	E5
Musket	E2
Mustang	D4
Palamino	D5
Pan Handle	E6
Pinenut	C5
Saddleback	C5
Sazarac	D4
Silverado	D4
Stallion	D5
Sullivan	E4
Sutro Drive	D4
Wild Rose	D2

Evacuation Zone 3: Green

Aurora	G2
Barrel Springs	G6
Bull Frog	G3
Cartwright East of Lousetown	
Christy Lane	
Dry Lake	H4
Frying Pan	F5
Goldfield	G1
Long Valley	
Lousetown	F2
North Star	G2
Overland	G5
Palisade	G4
Rocky Road	H5
Sheridan	H2
Stovepipe	F4
Victoria	G7
Whiskey Flat	F6

Evacuation Zone 4: Blue

Bonanza	E7
Bullion	C9
Calavaras	D8
Cartwright to Hamilton	B5
Clemens	E6
Crestview	C7
Crestview Circle	C7
Dry Gulch	D9
East 5 Mile	B7
Empire from Clemens to Bowie	E5
Fandango Pass	D9
Fey	C8
Grande	C8
Graves	C8
Hanaupah	D8
Harte	E6
Highland	C6
Highland Spur	C7
Highway 341 South of Vermillion	A5
Livery	D8
Lost Burro	E8
Lousetown	F2
Nugget	D7
Panamint	C6
Phoenix	D6
Pitt	C8
Prospect	E7
Remington	D7
Tybo	F7

The following is a “check list” for the incident commander (s) to follow. This should be the starting point for all operations involving evacuation in the Virginia Highlands:

1. Assure all appropriate agencies have been notified. Specifically the American Red Cross for establishing shelters.
2. Call needed resources early to provide for rapid deployment, i.e. Jeep Posse, Reserve Deputies, additional dispatching staff, and full time staff.
3. Establish an evacuation area. Depending on the location of the incident you may want to consider the Virginia City High School or Brown Elementary School.

4. Activate the EAS (Emergency Alert System) immediately.

5. Activate the evacuation siren through dispatch. This siren will be activated either on a high to low meaning prepare to go and tune your radios to KOH 780 on the am dial. The second option is a steady tone that means that there is an imminent evacuation in the Virginia Highlands and that you should immediately tune your radio to KOH 780 and begin packing and evacuation your home. KOH will give specific information on evacuation routes and evacuation centers.
6. Establish a command post and staging area as soon as possible. Depending upon the location of the incident you may want to consider the fire station as a staging and/or command post.

Nevada Bell can provide support by delivering additional phones and hooking them up at the fire station.

7. As early as possible assign a Public Information Officer to the event to coordinate evacuation centers, fire information, and areas that are being evacuated.
8. Establish an evacuation center for small and large animals.
9. Establish and control points of entry and exiting. This will be crucial to operations so that only emergency workers and property owners are allowed into the area. The decision to allow property owners into the area is at the discretion of the Sheriff or his representative. When controlling entry and access points you may want to consider if the person has identification, home owners sticker, or some other means of showing them as being a property owner.

Evacuation Guidelines:

1. All evacuation staff will meet at a location assigned by the Sheriffs Incident Commander. The evacuation-coordinating officer as appointed and functional within the incident command structure shall then brief them.
2. Each person conducting evacuations will be given a pre-assembled package that contains a map overview showing each zone, a page that shows all the structures in each zone by their address and street, and a roll of red and white flagging.

3. Every package will have the address/zone page that will need to be filled out completely. This will help when accounting for people that have been evacuated, moved to a shelter, or left the area to go stay with friends or other family members. In every event there will be family members or friends that call to inquire on the status of individuals that live in that area. If we can track the location of families by address this may help to calm and re-assure their family that may not be in the area.

4. When conducting the door-to-door evacuations you will need to mark each residence that has been visited by securing the flagging around an address post or other means such as a tree that is located near the driveway. The person making the evacuation will then need to circle the appropriate y/n on the evacuation form.

Animal Control Guidelines:

Assumptions:

1. If given enough time the property owner will evacuate their domestic pets with them when leaving the area.
2. Large animals such as horses may be transported with residents if the resident has a trailer to move them with and time allows.

Large Animals:

There will be instances that the resident does not have a trailer or ability to move the animals with them. If this is the case, and the horse is in immediate danger, the Emergency Services Workers may open the corral to release the horse (for the horse's safety). The other option is to use the two corrals located adjacent to the fire station to allow individuals to release their domestic horses there for safekeeping. If that area is immediately threatened we will use the "camel race arena" in Virginia City.

In these instances Storey County has formed a sub-group to Range Management that falls directly under the Sheriff. This team will be known as the Animal Care Team, or ACT for short.

This team has identified a team leader, Olivia Fiamengo, who will maintain a three deep staffing pattern with phone numbers that will be kept in dispatch.

Utilizing blue vests with green reflective stripping and the acronym of "ACT." (animal care team) on the front will identify this team.

If a horse is injured during or after the incident the A.C.T. Leader will have Veterinary contact lists in their resource directory.

If after the fire an individual property owner has lost their horse trailer because of the fire, and cannot transport their animals, the ACT staff will have resources available to help that person. This will be in the form of providing a horse trailer to move the animal to a corral.

It is anticipated that after the incident is mitigated and things begin to calm down we will encounter private citizens finding domestic horses and reporting their location. When this is done all of the reports will be given to the ACT staff. The staff will take the description of the horse and match it against any reports of owners. If they find a match they will be able to reunite the horse and its owner.

The ACT team will have a system to catalog horses upon receiving them at the two designated areas. This system will include a description of the horse, any brand on the animal, name of the animals owner or animals name, time received, any injuries, location released from or found at, and if it is a male or female.

Small Animals

It is anticipated that small animals will be taken with the owner at time of evacuation.

If small domestic animals are lost or are not able to be removed we will request that the Nevada Humane Society respond with their kennels to transport these pets to their facility for safekeeping. If large volumes of small animals are received we will call the Washoe County Animal Control Department and Carson City Humane Society to help transport and care for these pets.