

City of Cleveland Division of Fire



Public Assembly Occupancies



“Expectation Of Safety”

- Employees and Visitors

- Plans

- Training



Emergency Plans

- Required (MC 391.27 and OFC Sec. 702)
- Written
- Reviewed and Updated
- Accountability
 - Employees
 - Subcontractors



Emergency Plans

● New components

● “White Powder” Incidents

- Isolate and call Authorities

● Bomb threats

● Crisis Intervention

● WMD Incidents

● Area-wide Evacuation



Training

- Full and Part Time Employees
- Training Sessions should be documented and placed in employee files.
- Perceived and/or actual threats should be dealt with in an organized manner (i.e. bomb threats, white powder issues etc)



Employees should . . .

- Be aware of potential risks in their area
- Be familiar with surroundings and how to safely evacuate by two pathways
- Be familiar with the operation of extinguishers and other fire protection systems.
- Not become complacent with false alarms



Typical Issues

- Locked Exit Doors (Special locking arrangements need approval from AHJ prior to installation)
- Non-functional emergency lighting
- Hidden Exits
- OOS or impaired fire protection systems



“Game Day”

- Panic is the number one killer in fire or other emergencies, particularly in public assembly occupancies
- Stay Calm
- Notify appropriate authority. Do not assume someone else has.



Help Arrives

● Single greatest asset to responders is an individual who knows or has access to.

- Facility
- Plans
- Call List
- Materials/risks on site
- Knox System



More Information

- www.cleveland.oh.us
 - Click on “Emergency Preparedness”
- www.ready.gov