

Utility Service Emergencies

415.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

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

415.2 POLICY

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

415.3 UTILITY SERVICE EMERGENCY

A current contact list of Township personnel to be notified in the event of a utility service emergency should be available in Dispatch.

415.3.1 WATER LINES

The Utility Company'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 Utility Company's side of the water meter, the appropriate company's personnel should be notified as soon as practicable.

415.3.2 ELECTRICAL LINES

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

In the event of flooding or equipment malfunctions involving Township reservoirs, pumps or wells, the public works department should be contacted as soon as practicable. The appropriate roadway crew maintenance department shall be notified to clear any roadway drains or other hazardous roadway conditions.

415.3.4 NATURAL GAS LINES

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.

415.3.5 TRAFFIC SIGNALS

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

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result of the damaged or malfunctioning signal. The member will advise Dispatch of the problem with the traffic signal. The dispatcher should make the necessary notification to the appropriate traffic signal maintenance agency as soon as practicable.

A decision to place a signal on flash, close roads and/or set up generators to supply the necessary power will be made by the on-duty supervisor. Officers from patrol and highway are responsible for actively monitoring flooding, icing conditions and other hazards on roadways. Officers shall be responsible for mitigating the hazard, which includes effective traffic control and if necessary the shutting down of affected roadways.