

Grissettown Longwood Fire & Rescue

Basement Flooding

Basement flooding are optional responses and are not to be conducted unless sufficient apparatus and fire fighters are available for additional alarms.

18.1 STRUCTURE SAFETY

- a. Every effort should be made to observe and determine water depth and damage initially from the exterior of the building.
- b. Basement entry shall not be made if signs or evidence of electrical shorting, pilot light extinguishment, or other potential safety hazard conditions exist.
- c. Should electrical shorting or pilot light extinguishment be confirmed, the appropriate utility company response is to be requested from DISPATCH and resident/occupant evacuation is mandatory.

18.2 DRESS

- a. The appropriate dress shall be determined by the officer-in-charge.

18.3 DEWATERING OPERATIONS

- a. Under no circumstances is pumping of raw sewage to occur.
- b. Under no circumstances is the apparatus pump to be used for dewatering.
- c. Upon direction of the officer-in-charge, basement pumping can commence using either portable pumps or wet-vacs.

18.4 COURTESY

- a. Basement dewatering requests are considered courtesy alarms only and are not mandatory.
- b. Should no response be provided, the request must be acknowledged and advice offered as to dwelling/building safety and possible corrective action or private party contractors.
- c. Since this is a courtesy service, the officer-in-charge is to inform the owner of such, but is not to request or encourage contributions. If a contribution is offered, the individual is to be advised to mail it to the station at their discretion.