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General Order # 2021 – 03

SUBJECT: Barton Road Dam Response	ISSUE DATE: August 27, 2021
	EFFECTIVE DATE: August 27, 2021
TO: ALL PERSONNEL	REVISION OR EXPIRATION DATE: Until Dam is fully repaired

OBJECTIVE:

To ensure and establish a basic plan of action if conditions at the dam indicate the potential for dam failure or if any individual observes and reports that a dangerous condition is developing at the dam. The purpose of this order is to define responsibilities and provide procedures for identifying unusual and unlikely conditions, which may endanger the Lake Boon Dam and infrastructure downstream of the dam, in time to take action and to notify the appropriate chain of command of possible, impending, or actual failure of the dam in order to reduce the potential for property damage and loss of life.

STOW DISPATCH RESPONSE:

Upon receiving a call from any individual about the possibility of an emergency or hazard condition. Or what is perceived as a hazardous condition along the Barton Road Dam, dispatcher will;

- 1) Dispatch on-duty officer/officers to the scene
- 2) Dispatch Fire Department to the scene
- 3) Have ready the Barton Road EAP, either electronically on the shared drive or hard copy
- 4) Review Flow chart in the EAP and have ready important phone numbers
- 5) Support Officers and Fire Department on connecting key persons (ie making notifications if requested)
- 6) Assist Officers and Fire Department as necessary
- 7) Follow responsibilities outlined in the EAP
- 8) Document notifications using the notification sheets

STOW POLICE RESPONSE:

Upon being dispatched to the Barton Road for the possibility of an emergency or hazard condition. Or what is perceived as a hazardous condition along the Barton Road Dam, Officer(s) will;

- 1) Respond immediately to the scene
 - If on a low priority call, clear and respond. If on a high priority call request dispatcher contact mutual aid for response
- 2) Assess the reported condition
- 3) If any of the following conditions are found, then the road will be closed and EAP Notification Flow chart is to be implemented.
 - a) New cracks in the concrete with seepage
 - b) Cracks/old cracks with actively progressing displacements
 - c) Visual movement/slippage of the embankment slope
 - d) Rapidly enlarging sinkhole
 - e) Cracks in the embankment with seepage
 - f) Earthquake resulting in uncontrolled release of water from the dam
 - g) Security Threat Verified bomb threat that, if carried out, could result in damage to the dam
 - h) Detonated bomb that has resulted in damage to the dam or appurtenances
 - i) Damage to dam or appurtenances that has resulted in seepage flow
 - j) Damage to dam or appurtenances that has resulted in uncontrolled water release.
 - k) Any other condition that the officer deems a hazard
- 4) If any of the upon conditions are meet, Officers have the authority to close Barton Road Dam to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
- 5) Activate the EAP (notifications can be done by officer or through dispatch)
- 6) Notification of the Highway Department following the flow chart in the EAP
 - Ensure Highway Superintendent or designee is responding
 - In no response document reason why
- 7) Notification of the Police Chief
- 8) Upon closure assist community, and Fire Department with ensuring keeping lives and property safe

- 9) Immediately report changes and updates to Highway Superintendent or designee and Police Chief
- 10) Any other duties assigned by the incident commander

STOW POLICE COMMAND LEVEL RESPONSE:

Upon being notified that officers have been dispatched to the Barton Road for the possibility of an emergency or hazard condition. Or what is perceived as a hazardous condition along the Barton Road Dam, and are on scene with that condition, the Chief will;

- 1) Ensure the EAP has been activated
- 2) Respond or designate a Command Level responder, (ie, Sgt or higher) to be on-scene
- 3) Make contact with the Highway Superintendent
- 4) Make contact with the Fire Chief
- 5) Make necessary notification based on the EAP with other communities
- 6) Assist in securing the site and implementing evacuation if necessary (i.e. coordinating barricades, street closures, traffic management).
- 7) Utilize appropriate and/or necessary evacuation procedures, which may include but are not limited to, multilingual broadcasts, slow-speed broadcasts, and coordinated efforts with other emergency responders.
- 8) Ensure communication with the community, Town Administrator and as necessary senior elected/or appointed official
- 9) Continue participation in any unified command with the Highway and Fire Departments