Environmental Health & Safety
Policy & Procedure #13

TITLE
FIRE DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION WHEN CONDITIONS AFFECT ACCESS OR RESPONSE TO THE UNIVERSITY

OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE
To communicate conditions at the University which will affect a Fire Department's ability to provide fire, rescue, and emergency services to any campus. Required notifications to EH&S are made by calling 7-3129.

RESPONSIBILITY

UNIVERSITY POLICE CAMPUS SECURITY
♦ Report any conditions discovered, which will affect the Fire Department’s ability to access campus facilities for more than eight hours to EH&S.

FACILITIES PLANNING
♦ Notify EH&S of any construction, renovation, or remodeling plans that will:
  a) affect the view of existing topographical conditions, accessibility, water supply and general building parameters
  b) create any physical or architectural obstructions that may restrict access of emergency vehicles
  c) change the fire department’s access roadways, such as fencing-off, trenching across, or closing streets, etc.
  d) change the location of fire hydrants, fire department connections or alter the water supply system to a building
  e) impair fire detection and/or fire suppression systems

PHYSICAL PLANT
♦ Immediately report to EH&S the discovery of any inoperable fire detection or fire suppression system, which will be out of service for a period of time that will required a “fire watch” be established.
♦ Conduct annual tests and inspections of all fire hydrants for which FAU is responsible, and report any malfunctioning hydrants to EH&S.
♦ Provide relevant information to EH&S as to the location of underground tunnels, such as where tunnels intersect with access roads and any weight restrictions there may be.

PARKING SERVICES
♦ Notify EH&S of any changes in parking lots or fire lanes that will affect access to FAU facilities, i.e. installation of cement posts, gates, or other restrictions.
OFFICE OF SPACE UTILIZATION & ANALYSIS

♦ Notify EH&S as far in advance as possible of major events which will require traffic control or otherwise congest University roads, particularly those events involving large numbers of elderly persons.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

♦ Monitor conditions that will affect a fire department’s ability to provide services to the University and make timely notifications to the Chief of the appropriate fire department.

♦ Request participation in a “fire watch” from the appropriate fire department, if restoration of fire detection/suppression systems will take more than eight hours.

♦ Obtain a permit from the appropriate fire department and required their presence at events related to fireworks, bonfires and other large scale open burnings.

♦ Request the presence of the appropriate fire department’s medical services team during large scale special events.

♦ Inform the appropriate fire department of any major electrical interruptions that will affect residence halls, high rise buildings, and/or other high hazard buildings.

♦ Request that the appropriate fire department conduct pre-fire planning for newly completed buildings so that fire fighters will be familiar with the building, exposure and contents.