

# McIntosh County Fire Department

## Standard Operating Guideline - 208

**TITLE:** Barrier Island Response

**DIVISION:** Administrative

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### PURPOSE

To ensure that all personnel follow a safe and uniform guideline when responding to Sapelo Island or other barrier islands. Sapelo Island and other barrier islands are in remote locations in McIntosh County. Response to emergency incidents and hazardous situations can present a challenge to responding units. Units responding should consider the type of incident that they are responding to in order to determine what equipment needs to be taken during the response.

### SCOPE

This procedure applies to all McIntosh County EMS Personnel. This SOG covers the suggested procedures to be followed to effectively perform a response to Sapelo Island or other Barrier islands located in McIntosh County.

### POLICY

#### 1. Policy

It is the policy of the McIntosh County Fire Department that this suggested guideline should apply to all personnel regardless of assignment.

#### 2. Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of all McIntosh County Fire Department personnel to be familiar with and comply with the following SOG.

#### 3. Procedure

When a response to Sapelo Island, or other barrier island is requested by dispatch, units will respond to the boat ramp specified by the McIntosh County 911 center. McIntosh Dispatch Center will coordinate to have a boat to take crews to the island. In the event of a structure fire, there is a 1000-gallon pumper available on Sapelo Island only, that can be used to mitigate the hazard.

During transport to Sapelo Island or other barrier islands, all responding crews shall wear PFD while on the boat traveling to the island.

Units will notify dispatch when contact with the hazardous situation is made.

Due to the lack of resources on Sapelo Island, and other barrier islands, crews should use extra precautions while conducting hazard mitigation. Staffing, equipment, water supply, and tools should be considered when making command decisions and operational priorities.

## EXCEPTIONS

Authority to deviate from this policy/procedure rests with the Chief of the Department who will be responsible for the results of any deviation. All questionable matters will be brought to the Chief of the department and will be handled in a timely manner.

Approved



Chief of the Department



Date