

# New Durham Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

SOG 254      Downed Power Lines & Energized Electrical Equipment

**PURPOSE:**      To maintain safety in response to reports of power lines down and any energized electrical equipment.

**SCOPE:**          All responses to downed power lines or hazards involving energized electrical equipment.

**SPECIFICS:**

- The Incident Commander shall ensure a level of safety for Department members and any members of the public until the situation is deemed safe or under control by a utility company.
- The Incident Commander shall consider potential for electrical shock, electrocution and secondary fire at all times.
- Power lines or other energized electrical equipment can come in contact with the ground as a result of storm related activity, fire, or vehicles striking power poles thus energizing the ground.

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