



- Check cap chains to make sure they turn freely
- Replace caps and tighten sufficiently to prevent unauthorized removal
- Review the property owner's hydrant inspection record to ensure compliance with Subtitle 11, Section 11-275, of the Prince George's County Fire Code
- Out-of-service hydrants- PSC will notify WSSC (301-206-4002) and the five closest stations
- Still in service (need maintenance) - The OIC from the station is to notify WSSC Emergency Call Center (ECC) at 301-206-4002 directly. This office is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

“Section 11-275. Fire Hydrant Maintenance.”

All private fire hydrants shall be tested, maintained, and serviced annually by the property owner. A report of this maintenance shall be made available to the Fire Prevention Unit upon request.

3. Defective or Damaged Hydrants

Whenever a defect is discovered that renders a hydrant out-of-service, the officer-in-charge (OIC) will advise Public Safety Communications (PSC) as soon as possible.

The notification will include the following:

- The location of the hydrant (Provide the nearest street address and cross street)
- Whether it is a public or private hydrant

When an out-of-service hydrant is discovered, the OIC will ensure that the hydrant is marked by placing an out-of-service tag on the hydrant. This is done by looping a plastic tie through the tag and through the chain on the cap of the steamer connection. These tags may be obtained from Logistics and Supply and will be carried on each piece of apparatus.

Public hydrants found defective will be handled as follows:

Private hydrants found defective will be handled as follows:

- Out-of-service hydrants- The OIC of the unit discovering the deficiency will issue a Correction Order to the property owner and notify PSC, who will then notify the five closest fire stations
- Still in service (needs maintenance)- The OIC of the unit discovering the deficiency shall issue a Correction Order to the property owner

4. Placing Hydrants Back In Service

Public Hydrants

When WSSC places a hydrant back in service, WCCS will remove the out-of-service marker and notify PSC. PSC will then notify the five closest fire stations that the hydrant is back in service.

Private Hydrants

The Volunteer and/or Career Station Officer shall ensure prompt follow-up of Correction Orders served for out-of-service private hydrants. When the property owner has made sufficient repairs to place the hydrant back in service, the Volunteer Chief and/or Career Station Officer will ensure the removal of the out-of-service marker and notify PSC.



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PSC will then notify the five closest fire stations that the hydrant is back in service.

REFERENCES

Subtitle 11, Fire Safety Law, Section 11-275,
"Fire Hydrant Maintenance"

FORMS/ATTACHMENTS

N/A